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BOOM
I THINK IT'S TIME FOR A GENERAL ELECTION.
MIYAMAE KANAKO
TRANSFERRED INTO AME NO KISAKI. LOVES YURI AND HAS A PHOBIA OF MEN.
SHINOUJI MASTURIKA
1ST YEAR STUDENT AT AME NO KISAKI. MARIYA'S SHARP-TONGUED MAID.
SHIDOU MARIYA
1ST YEAR STUDENT AT AME NO KISAKI. ACTUALLY A MAN. KANAKO'S ROOMMATE.
CENTER POSITION...?
I'VE LEARNED SOMETHING FROM ALL THE EVENTS UP UNTIL NOW...
...AND IT'S THAT YOU NEED A VIP WITH MONEY.
CLICK
I THINK I'M READY TO SHOOT FOR THE CENTER POSITION.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO EVEN CONSULT WITH THE CHIEF EDITOR?
WHAT FOR? YOU MEAN YOU WANT TO MAKE THE FANS VOTE?
AND WHY NOW, WHEN THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY NEW MEDIA DEVELOPMENTS?

OKAY, I GOT IT. ENOUGH.
IT'S COMPLETELY POSSIBLE TO MAKE AN AVERAGE, UNKNOWN RESEARCH STUDENT A CONTENDER WITH JUST A SINGLE PERSON'S BACKING.
THEY SAY THAT A SINGLE PATRON IS BETTER THAN TEN FRIENDS, DON'T THEY?
NUMBER 1!
NUMBER 1!
YOU'RE TOP
IT'S THE SAME ON THE JOB.
YOU CAN GO AROUND SUCKING UP TO EVERYONE AND FINALLY GET TEN PEOPLE TO BUY A BOTTLE OF DOM PERIGNON...
BUT THEN A SINGLE FAT-CAT CUSTOMER COMES IN AND ORDERS A BOTTLE OF LOUIS XIII, AND SUDDENLY THE TITLE OF TOP SELLER SLIPS AWAY FROM YOU FOR ANOTHER MONTH.
ON THE JOB?
WHAT BUSINESS ARE YOU EVEN IN, KANAKO-SAMA?
BECAUSE EVEN DOM PERIGNON ISN'T THAT IMPRESSIVE, UNLESS IT'S PINK OR PLATINUM.
WHAT BUSINESS ARE YOU EVEN IN, KANAKO-SAMA?
SHOP? CAST?
Wooow, no way! That's incredible! Let's toast to that!
BLUSH
BLUSH
Let's start some Dom Perignon!
...AND IT'S EASY TO RECOMMEND FOR CELEBRATIONS, SO IT CERTAINLY HAS ITS ADVANTAGES FOR THE SHOP AND CAST MEMBERS.
BUT STILL, BECAUSE DOM PERIGNON IS SPARKLING WINE, CUSTOMERS CAN'T KEEP NURSING THE SAME BOTTLE DAY AFTER DAY...

DAMN, SHE'S RIGHT, I'M NOT EVEN TALKING ABOUT THE SAME THING ANYMORE.
IT'S THE SAME IN VIDEO GAMES, ISN'T IT?
A SINGLE HERO, FOLLOWING HIS DESTINY AND LEVELING UP TOGETHER WITH HIS ANIMAL FRIENDS, IS ABLE TO VANQUISH THE EVIL KING THAT THE COUNTRY'S WHOLE ARMY COULDN'T DEFEAT!
YAWN
THAT'S TRUE.
BUT A HERO ISN'T A PATRON, OR A CUSTOMER.
GLARE
WHAT I'M SAYING IS...
I NEED A WEALTHY PATRON.
ALL RIGHT. SO?
JUST LOOK AT THIS SEASON'S MANCHESTER CITY FOOTBALL CLUB.
THEY WERE ALWAYS CONSIDERED A WEAK CLUB, BUT THANKS TO TALENT THEY BOUGHT WITH OIL MONEY, THEY TOOK THE CHAMPIONSHIP THIS YEAR.
YOU SURE KNOW A LOT ABOUT THE PREMIER LEAGUE FOR SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T WATCH SOCCER.
YOU COULD EVEN BRING RAOUL TO QATAR WITH ENOUGH MONEY.
WAIT, YOU KNOW ABOUT PLAYER TRADING, TOO?

YES! WITH MONEY, YOU CAN EVEN MANAGE YOUR OWN SOCCER TEAM!!
HUH? THE SUBJECT CHANGED AGAIN.
OF COURSE, I'M NOT PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN A BARBARIC GAME LIKE SOCCER.
IS THAT WHERE YOU WERE GOING WITH THIS?
WHAT'S FUN ABOUT WATCHING A BUNCH OF SWEATY BEASTS RUN AROUND A 50 BY 100 METER PITCH TRYING TO STEAL A SIZE FIVE BALL FROM EACH OTHER?

HOW AMUSING!
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HA HA HA!
OF COURSE I'M ABSOLUTELY CRAZY ABOUT NADESHIKO JAPAN.
BUT THAT'S BECAUSE THE SIGHT OF A GROUP OF GODDESSES GLOWING WITH SWEAT AS THEY CHASE A SIZE FIVE BALL AROUND A 50 BY 100 METER PITCH IS BEAUTIFUL.
HUH.
RINDOU!
YES, IT'S ME, RINDOU, "THE MINEFIELD OF YOUR HEARTS"!
SHINOUJI RINDOU
MATSURIKA'S TWIN YOUNGER BROTHER. BUTLER TO MARIYA'S YOUNGER SISTER, SHIZU.
I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU.
カチャ..
SWING
YOU'RE MORE OF A PHYSICAL MINEFIELD.
SO, CAN WE TALK ABOUT THE AK-47 FOR A MOMENT?
NO, I THINK WE'D BETTER CUT THIS CONVERSATION OFF HERE.
I'M AFRAID SOMEONE'S GOING TO COME BEAT US UP FOR TALKING ABOUT THIS.

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MIYAMAE KANAKO
MIYAMAE-KA
宮前か
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VOTE FOR KANAKO!
VOTE FOR KANAKO!
I'M ROOTING FOR YOU, KANAKO-CHAN!!
MIYAMAE
宮前

HUH?
ACTUALLY, IF YOU COULD TAKE CARE OF THIS HOMEWORK THAT'S DUE TODAY...
BUT I'M A LITTLE HURT.
HUH?
HM?
OH, THANKS.
WE'RE ON YOUR SIDE!!
IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO HELP, JUST TELL US!
WHA?
MOMOI-SAN, IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN AWKWARD FOR HER TO BRING UP PRECISELY BECAUSE WE ARE HER CLASSMATES.
THAT'S LIKE SAYING "YOU HAVE TO VOTE FOR ME."
HUH? HUH?
WE'RE YOUR CLASSMATES!
YES, WE WOULD RATHER HAVE HEARD ABOUT IT DIRECTLY FROM YOU.

VOTE FOR KANAKO!
VOTE FOR KANAKO!
DO THE RIGHT THING AND VOTE FOR KANAKO!
WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU WOULD RUN FOR CLASS PRESIDENT.

EXCUUUUU-UUUSE ME?
WHAT KIND OF SCHEME IS THIS?
RUSTLE...
Teh...
YOU'VE ARRIVED QUICKER THAN I EXPECTED.
I'D RATHER NOT INVOLVE ANY BYSTANDERS.
HOW ABOUT WE CHANGE LOCATION?
YOU'RE GOING TO COME TO REGRET THAT FLIPPANT ATTITUDE.

HUH? HEY, WAI...
SLIP...

...

DOOM
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WHIP
SWISH
BOOM
SO YOU HAVE NO INTENTION OF REVEALING YOUR TRUE MOTIVES...IS THAT CORRECT?
...I KNEW SOMEDAY IT WOULD COME TO THIS.

HOW DOES IT SERVE YOU TO BUILD UP MIYAMAE-SAN AS CLASS PRESIDENT?
YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT?
THERE'S NOTHING TO REVEAL. I AM DOING THIS OF MY OWN FREE WILL.
PSHING

I WANT TO WITNESS THE MOMENT WHEN THE REVOLUTION SUCCEEDS.
SWISH
YOUR GOAL IS TO MAKE A PUPPET GOVERNMENT, ISN'T IT?
SWING
DON'T LIE TO ME...

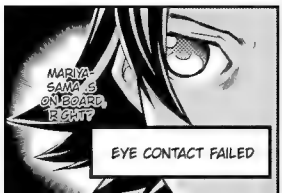
SHE'S A WEAK, IMPRESSIONABLE, GREEDY, MEDIOCRE HUMAN BEING WHO ISN'T FIT TO BE A LEADER.
THAT'S PRETTY FREAKIN' MEAN!!
AND SHE'S GAINED FOUR KILOGRAMS IN JUST THESE PAST TWO WEEKS.

THE PERSON AT THE TOP DOESN'T ALWAYS NEED TO BE EXTRA-ORDINARY.
AND EVERYONE ALREADY KNOWS HOW QUICKLY THE REBOUND QUEEN KANAKO GAINS AND LOSES WEIGHT!
STOP IT! STOP GIVING ME THESE TERRIBLE NICKNAMES!
IT'S BECOMING MORE DIFFICULT FOR HER TO KEEP OFF THE FAT.

THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO SEE.
WHETHER AME NO KISAKI'S STUDENT COUNCIL COULD CONTINUE TO FUNCTION WITH A MORON LIKE MISS KANAKO AS ITS HEAD.
MORON?!
YOU INSULT ME.
THERE'S NO WAY MY BRILLIANT GIRLS COULD BE CONTROLLED BY ONE SINGLE MORON.
THEY'RE CALLING ME A MORON!

AND NOW THE SET AND THE CAST HAS CHANGED!
THANK YOU.
YOU CALL THAT A COMPRO-MISE?!
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM... THIS IS A LOVELY TEA CEREMONY.
THEN THERE IS NO REASON FOR US TO FIGHT.

HE'S REALLY PLANNING ON SCREWING UP THE ENTIRE SCHOOL JUST BECAUSE IT'S "INTERESTING."
EYE CONTACT


MARIYA-SAMA IS ON BOARD, RIGHT?
EYE CONTACT FAILED

RINDOU? DON'T YOU THINK IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE RASH...
...TO TRY AND MAKE KANAKO-SAN THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT?
BUT IT'LL BE INTERESTING!

GREAT! NOW I KNOW HE HAS NO IDEA WHAT I'M THINKING.
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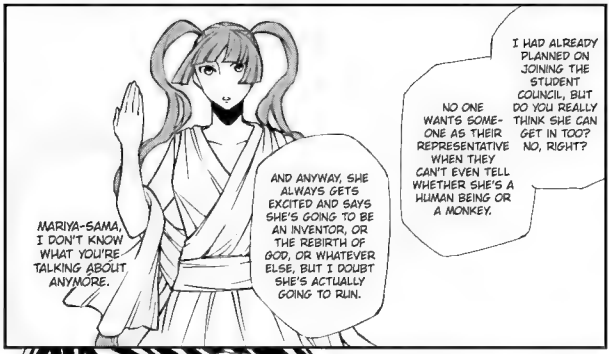
THEIR HEARTS REMAIN SEPARATED.
WELL IF THAT'S THE CASE, WE HAVE TO START PLANNING!

MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY PLAYING ALONG WITH RINDOU'S CRUEL GAMES.
NOW, NOW, MARIYA-SAMA.
SIS.
STOP MESSING AROUND IN PEOPLE'S HEADS.

KANAKO-SAMA HAS A HISTORY OF TRYING, AND MANAGING, TO REVEAL YOUR TRUE IDENTITY.
IS IT NOT IN OUR BEST INTEREST FOR YOU BOTH TO ENTER THE STUDENT COUNCIL, SO THAT WE MAY BETTER MONITOR HER ACTIONS?
HUH? THAT SOUNDS LIKE SUCH A PAIN, THOUGH...


I HAD ALREADY PLANNED ON JOINING THE STUDENT COUNCIL, BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK SHE CAN GET IN TOO? NO, RIGHT?
NO ONE WANTS SOME-ONE AS THEIR REPRESENTATIVE WHEN THEY CAN'T EVEN TELL WHETHER SHE'S A HUMAN BEING OR A MONKEY.
AND ANYWAY, SHE ALWAYS GETS EXCITED AND SAYS SHE'S GOING TO BE AN INVENTOR, OR THE REBIRTH OF GOD, OR WHATEVER ELSE, BUT I DOUBT SHE'S ACTUALLY GOING TO RUIN.
MARIYA-SAMA, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ANYMORE.

YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN PLANNING TO, BUT I ALREADY ENTERED YOUR NAME.
WHAT?!
Hey!
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ALL HAVING A GOOD TIME TALKING ABOUT ME IN YOUR LITTLE GROUP, BUT I'M NOT RUNNING FOR ANY ELECTION.

LISTEN HERE! LISTEN HERE!
MIYAMAE KANAKO HAS ENTERED HER NAME INTO THE RUNNING FOR STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT!
MIYAMAE KANAKO
REALLY, MIYAMAE KANAKO PUT HER NAME IN HERSELF?!
I'VE ALREADY MADE SURE THAT EVERYONE KNOWS IT WAS MIYAMAE KANAKO HERSELF WHO SUBMITTED THE APPLICATION FORMS.
BWUUUU-AAAAHHFFF ?!
R

I SEE... MIYAMAE-SAN IS RUNNING FOR STUDENT COUNCIL...
GOOD LUCK, MIYAMAE-SAN.
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THEY'RE STUPID OR JUST COMPLETELY UNINTERESTED IN KANAKO.

MISS HOUSE MOTHER.
I SEE...
WELL, AYARI-SAN HAS KNOWN RINDOU SINCE THEY WERE YOUNG.
SO I GUESS IT MAKES SENSE THAT SHE ACCEPTED THE APPLI-CATION.
THE DEFEAT OF A DORMITORY RESIDENT IS THE DEFEAT OF THE ENTIRE DORMITORY.
AND DEFEAT IS THE SAME AS DEATH.
MIYAMAE-SAN...
IF YOU LOSE IN THIS ELECTION, YOU WILL BE EXPELLED FROM THE DORMITORY.

SIP...
WHAAA-AAAAAT?!
WHA...

TCHAK
ELECTIONS ARE WARS OF INFORMATION.
KLAT
YOU HAVE TO STRIKE AT YOUR ENEMIES' WEAK-NESSES...
KLAT
...PERPETUATE LIES ABOUT THEM...
KLAT
KLAT
...AND MAKE EVERYONE ELSE BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE A DANGEROUS BLIGHT ON THE POPULACE...
YES, THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT IS A CAREFULLY CONSTRUCTED CREATURE!
FLASH
AND I'M THE ONE TO CREATE IT!

? YEAH, WHAT OF IT?
...YOU SURE DO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF LIFE, DON'T YOU.
MARIYA-SAMA, RINDOU DOESN'T GET SARCASM.
WHAT? MIYAMAE-SAN IS IN THE RUNNING?

SHE IS!
SHE IS, SHE IS!
宮前かなこ
MIYAMAE KANAKO
OH, HOW I LOATHE HER.
SHE'S ALWAYS GETTING IN MY WAY.
宮前カ
MIYAMAE KA-
I WILL BE THE VICTOR IN THIS ELECTION.
I WON'T LET HER DO AS SHE PLEASES.
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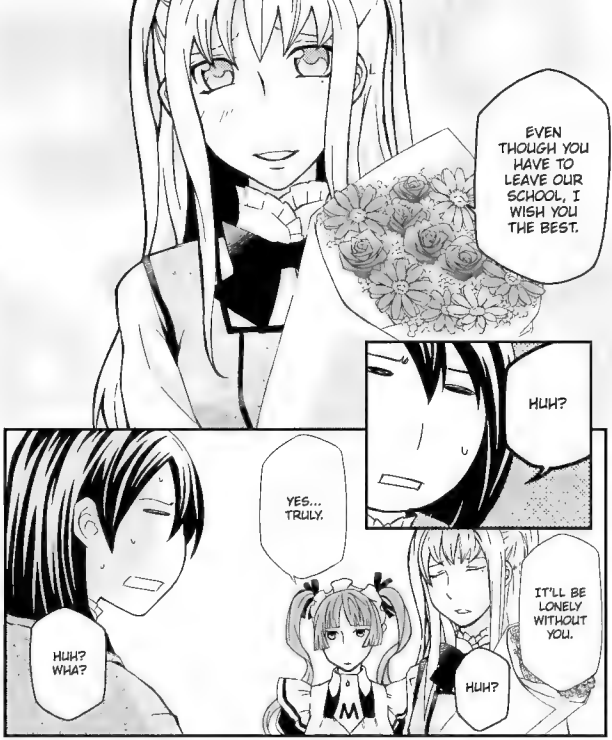

EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE TO LEAVE OUR SCHOOL, I WISH YOU THE BEST.
HUH?
YES... TRULY.
IT'LL BE LONELY WITHOUT YOU.
HUH?
HUH? WHA?

WA-
WAIT A SECOND! I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE!
SO DOES THAT MEAN YOU HAVE A PLAN TO WIN THE ELECTION?
EVEN IF I LOSE AND AM KICKED OUT OF HERE, I PLAN ON HAVING MY BODY AND SOUL BURIED HERE AT AME NO KISAKI!

REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT IT, THE THIRD DORMITORY IS ALREADY FULL. THERE'S NO SPACE FOR YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? LIVE ALONE NEARBY?
ARE YOU GOING TO GO TO YOUR FATHER, HAT IN HANDS, AND ASK HIM FOR MONEY BECAUSE YOU WERE THROWN OUT OF THE DORMS?
F-FINE, I'LL SET UP A TENT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS...
THE MANAGEMENT WON'T ALLOW YOU TO LIVE OUT OF DOORS FOR SAFETY REASONS.
DAMMIT! WHAT SORT OF STUPID RULE IS IT TO BEGIN WITH THAT I CAN'T LIVE IN THE DORMS IF I LOSE IN THE ELECTION?!
GOD'S WILL IS...
...ABSOLUTE.
I'D KISS A GIRL IF SHE DARED ME TOO! I'D LET A GIRL FALL ASLEEP ON MY KNEES! I'D DO THOSE THINGS!
Is this a king's game?!
AND YOU KNOW WHAT?!
I DIDN'T EVEN PUT MY NAME IN THE RUNNING!!
BUT YOU'RE ALREADY REGISTERED.
WHAT'S WITH THE BUREAUCRATIC RESPONSE?!
YOUR BELOVED ROOMMATE IS IN TROUBLE! YOU HAVE TO HELP ME!

IF I'M GOING DOWN, I'M BRINGING YOU DOWN WITH ME!
WHEN I LEAVE AME NO KISAKI...
...I WILL REVEAL TO THE ENTIRE SCHOOL...
...THAT YOU ARE ONLY PRETENDING TO BE A GIRL!!
SAYONARA.
THERE IT IS! THAT RARE BASHFUL SMILE!!
DO YOU GUYS HATE ME SO MUCH?!
HEH HEH HEH HEH...
I CANNOT HOPE EVEN FOR ALLIES IN THIS BATTLE...
EH... THEN WHAT DO I CARE?
WHAT'S THIS? HAVE YOU GONE INSANE FROM DESPAIR?

KNOCK KNOCK
SO, MARIYA-SAMA, YOU KNOW, IF YOU HAVE ANY GOOD IDEAS, OR, YOU KNOW...
I'M SO SORRY.
I OFFER YOU MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES. PLEASE, I BEG OF YOU-HELP ME.
...IS THAT SO?
YOU SHOULD HAVE STARTED OUT WITH THAT.

CLICK

HEY, SORRY TO BOTHER YOU.
CREAK
RYUKEN-SENPAI!
GOOD MORNING, ISHIMA-SENPAI.
CAN WE HELP YOU WITH SOMETHING?
THAT WAS A QUICK CHANGE.

GASP
ACTUALLY, I HEARD THAT KANAKO-KUN WAS RUNNING FOR STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.
YEAH.
THAT'S IT! FORGET STUPID, MEAN OL' MARIYA, I SHOULD ASK THE POPULAR RYUKEN-SENPAI FOR HELP...!
I DON'T STAND A CHANCE ON MY OWN, SO I JUST NEED TO BORROW SOMEONE ELSE'S STRENGTH!
THAT'S AN INCREDIBLY INSIGHTFUL UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR OWN WORTH, AS WELL AS EXTREMELY UN-CLASSY.
RYUKEN-SENPAI, WILL YOU MAKE A SPEECH IN SUPPORT OF MY CAMPAIGN?!
THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS ARE THE RESULTS! THE END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS!
I REALLY WISH I COULD HELP YOU OUT, BUT...

TSUTSUI HONOKA HAS JOINED THE RUNNING FOR STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT! VOTE FOR HONOKA!
VOTE FOR HONOKA!
TAMAE KANAE
SORRY...
I'M WORKING AS MANAGER OF HONOKA-KUN'S ELECTION SUPPORT TEAM.
SHOVE
?!

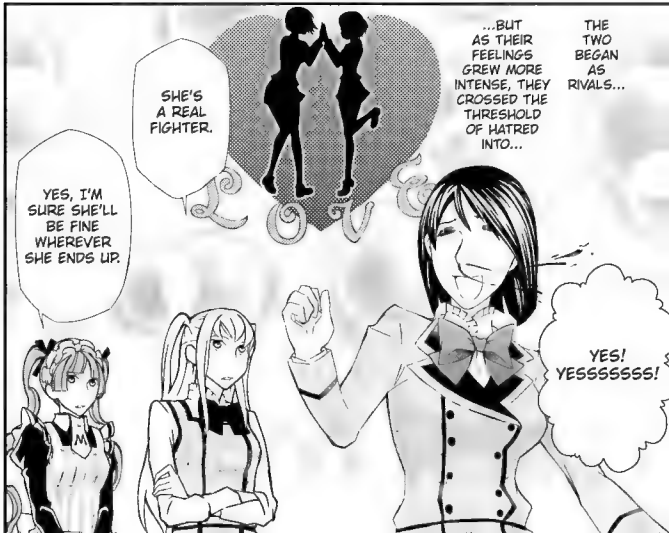
WELL, WELL, WELL... OUR MEETING HERE MUST BE FATE!
MUST BE FATE!
MUST BE FATE!
FLINCH-ヒ"
WHA-?

WE HAVE BUTTED HEADS IN THE PAST...
...BUT EVERY ENCOUNTER HAS ENDED WITHOUT RESOLUTION.
BUT NOW IT IS TIME FOR US TO BRING AN END TO THIS.
I, TSUTSUI HONOKA, WILL BE THE VICTOR IN THIS ELECTION!

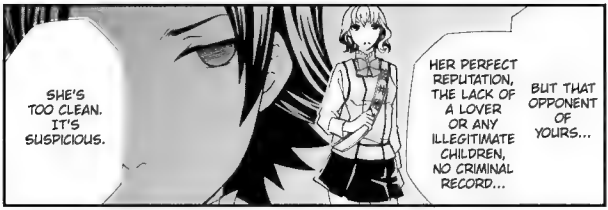
PA-TAK...

AME NO KISAKI GIRLS' DORMITORY NUMBER TWO
天の后第二女子寮

...WHAT THE HELL IS AN "ELECTION SUPPORT TEAM"? SHE'S REALLY FREAKIN' SERIOUS!
THIS IS JUST A STUPID FAKE ELECTION FOR KIDS, RIGHT? WHY IS EVERYONE SO SERIOUS...?
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN WIN! WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO MY HAPPY AME NO KISAKI LIFE?!
SAYONARA.
ENOUGH! ENOUGH WITH THAT!!
BUT IT IS IN TIMES OF HARDSHIP THAT WE MUST CHANGE OUR WAY OF THINKING.


THE TWO BEGAN AS RIVALS...
...BUT AS THEIR FEELINGS GREW MORE INTENSE, THEY CROSSED THE THRESHOLD OF HATRED INTO...
YES! YESSSSSSS!
SHE'S A REAL FIGHTER.
YES, I'M SURE SHE'LL BE FINE WHEREVER SHE ENDS UP.

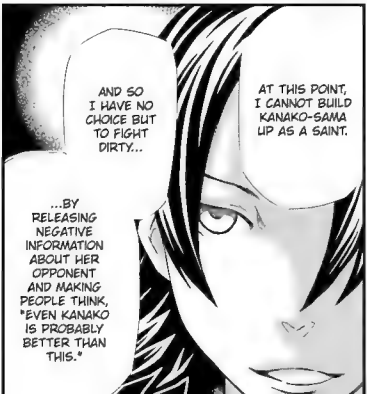
I GOT PERMISSION FROM THE HOUSE MOTHER.
AND...
DO YOU UNDERSTAND, MARIYA? I WILL PITCH AS MANY FLAGS AS I HAVE DELUSIONS.
I WAS LETTING IT SLIDE UNTIL NOW, BUT...
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
WHAT THE HELL IS SHE SAYING?
YOU KNOW WHAT, FORGET IT.
NOT THAT, I MEANT...


SHE'S TOO CLEAN. IT'S SUSPICIOUS.
HER PERFECT REPUTATION, THE LACK OF A LOVER OR ANY ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN, NO CRIMINAL RECORD...
BUT THAT OPPONENT OF YOURS...

BUT DO NOT FEAR! IT IS THE WORK OF AN ELECTION CONSULTANT TO WIN THE UNWINNABLE.
ELECTION CONSULTANT
AS LONG AS I'M HERE, THIS ELECTION IS AS GOOD AS WON!
HEY, THIS IS AN ELECTION FOR STUDENTS.
KANAKO-SAMA, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS COVERED IN DIRT NO MATTER WHERE YOU LOOK.

TO START, WE MUST SPREAD SOME DIRTY RUMORS ABOUT OUR OPPONENT.
LIKE, SHE HAS AN OUTIE BELLY BUTTON, OR SHE'S AFRAID OF CARROTS.
THAT'S JUST GRADE-SCHOOL BULLYING.

ALL RIGHT, YOU PREFER SOMETHING MORE TITILLATING?
HOW ABOUT, SHE'S THE BOSS'S LOVER, OR SHE USED TO WORK AS A CALL GIRL?
AND THAT'S ADULT BULLYING.

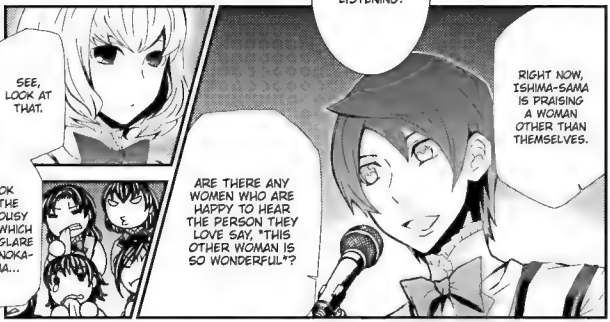

AT THIS POINT, I CANNOT BUILD KANAKO-SAMA UP AS A SAINT.
AND SO I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT DIRTY...
...BY RELEASING NEGATIVE INFORMATION ABOUT HER OPPONENT AND MAKING PEOPLE THINK, "EVEN KANAKO IS PROBABLY BETTER THAN THIS."

HEY, RINDOU-KUN? THIS IS AN ELECTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY ALLOWED TO MAKE ANYONE CRY.
ESPECIALLY BECAUSE WOMEN WILL USE THEIR TEARS AS WEAPONS.
THEY'RE VERY SCARY.

THOSE DAYS WERE FILLED WITH HARSH PROCLAMATIONS.
THE ELECTION CONSULTANT ON A SPYING MISSION.
EVERY DAY WAS BLOODY, AND MANY VALIANT WARRIORS FELL BEFORE THEIR TIME...
THE ELECTION CONSULTANT HARD AT WORK SPREADING INFORMATION
THE ELECTION CONSULTANT DEVOTING HIMSELF TO HIS TRAINING
THE ELECTION CONSULTANT TAKING A BRIEF MOMENT'S REST.
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU, THIS IS AN ELECTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.
ELECTIONS ARE WAR. JUST BECAUSE THESE ARE STUDENTS, IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN GO EASY ON THEM.
AND SO THE BATTLE FOR ELECTION DAY BEGAN.
AMAGAKU KISAKI GIRLS' DORM, NUMBER TWO

AND FINALLY, THE DAY OF RECKONING ARRIVED.
...IN THAT WAY, HER SERIOUS AND SINGLE-MINDED DEDICATION HAS SERVED AS AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL CLUB MEMBERS.
AND OF COURSE, SHE HAS ALSO BEEN UNANIMOUSLY CHOSEN AS THE NEXT LEADER FOR THE DRAMA CLUB.
SHE ALSO CARRIES THE DISTINCTION OF BEING MANAGER OF TSUTSUI PRODUCE'S SEAFOOD DEPARTMENT, AND.....
.....
.....
LOOK AT THAT! LOOK AT ALL OF THOSE YOUNG GIRLS' ENTRANCED EXPRESSIONS!
THEY'RE ALL COMPLETELY ABSORBED BY RYUKEN-SAMA'S SPEECH!
NAH, THEY'RE PROBABLY NOT LISTENING TO THE CONTENT OF THE SPEECH AT ALL.
ALL OF THE GIRLS IN THE AUDIENCE ARE IN LOVE WITH ISHIMA-SAMA.

HOWEVER, THAT IS ALSO HER WEAKNESS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
FOR ALL OF THE STATED REASONS, I SUPPORT TSUTSUI HONOKA AS HEAD OF OUR NEW STUDENT COUNCIL.
THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.


SEE, LOOK AT THAT.
LOOK AT THE JEALOUSY WITH WHICH THEY GLARE AT HONOKA-SAMA...
ARE THERE ANY WOMEN WHO ARE HAPPY TO HEAR THE PERSON THEY LOVE SAY, "THIS OTHER WOMAN IS SO WONDERFUL"?
RIGHT NOW, ISHIMA-SAMA IS PRAISING A WOMAN OTHER THAN THEMSELVES.

ALSO, I HAVE ALREADY PREPARED A TRAP TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT WEAKNESS.
I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT ANY OF THEM WILL VOTE FOR HONOKA-SAMA.
GULP
I SEE...

A TRAP?
IF THE EXIT SURVEYS SUGGEST THAT WE'RE GOING TO LOSE, I WILL DESTROY THE SCHOOL.
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HER WEAKNESS!
...NEXT, WE WILL HEAR MIYAMAE KANAKO'S SUPPORTING ARGUMENTS.
WELCOME, SHIDOU MARIYA-SAN.
ENOUGH. IT'S TIME FOR A FRONTAL ATTACK.
A FRONTAL ATTACK?
YES, I WILL SHOW YOU REAL POWER.
THE POWER OF AME NO KISAKI'S MOST POPULAR STUDENT!

I'M WAY MORE POPULAR THAN THAT GIRL!
YOU'VE ALREADY LOST BY SHOWING YOUR COMPETITIVENESS.
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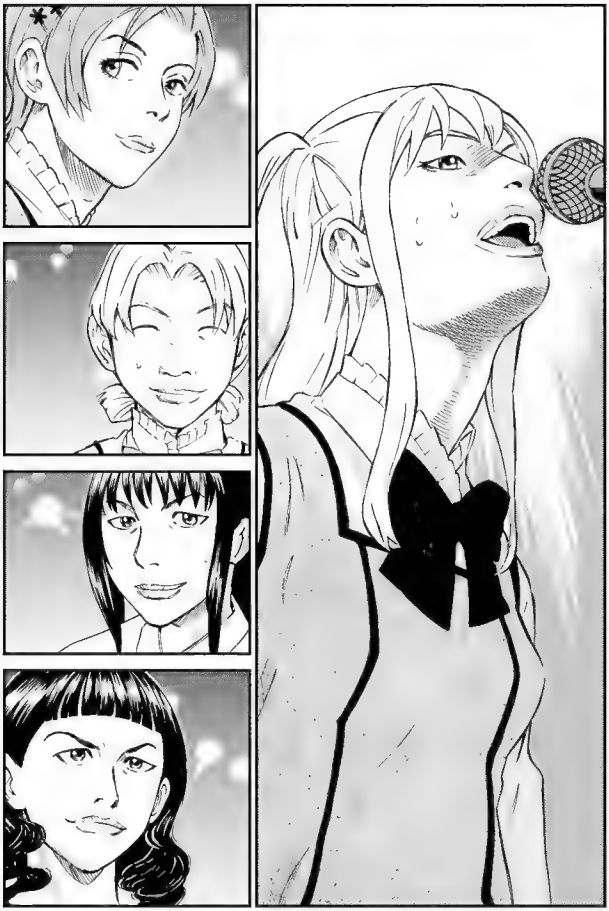

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WOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!

BANZAAAI!
DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN...
THANKS TO THAT MIRACULOUS SUPPORT SPEECH...
BANZAAAI!

It's hard being popular...
I WASN'T EVEN RUNNING.
DAMMIT ...
CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING ELECTED!
FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, A FIRST YEAR STUDENT WAS ELECTED AS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT OF AME NO KISAKI.
STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT

HONOKA-SAN WASN'T EVEN ABLE TO PUT UP A FIGHT...
...AND KANAKO DROPPED OUT IMMEDIATELY.
TUG
BANZAAAI.
BANZAAAI.
DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN...
...WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOUR KANAKO?

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Prayer58
Kanako's Refreshing Return

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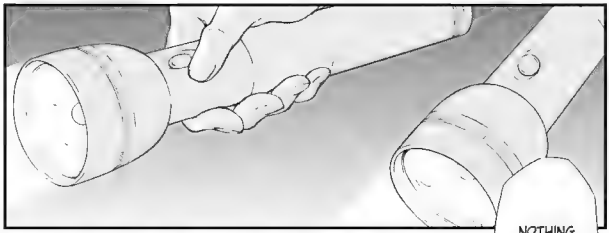
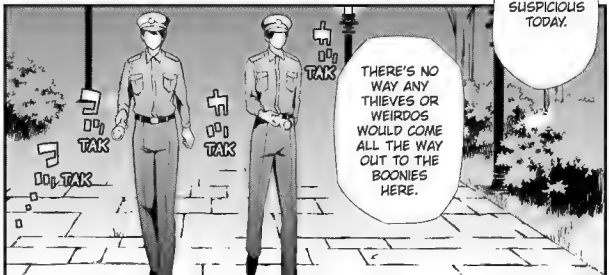
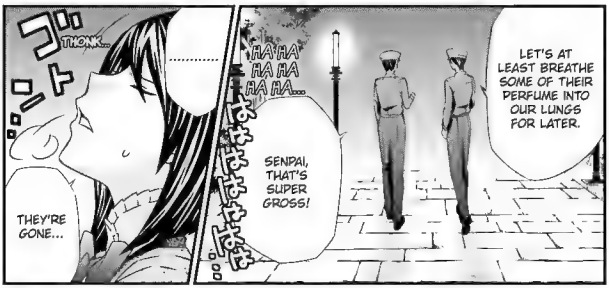



NOTHING SUSPICIOUS TODAY.
THERE'S NO WAY ANY THIEVES OR WEIRDOS WOULD COME ALL THE WAY OUT TO THE BOONIES HERE.
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK

BA-DUM
BA-DUM
BA-DUM
BA-DUM
BA-DUM
IT'S LIKE SOME WEIRD PUNISH-MENT.
HOW MUCH DOES IT SUCK THAT WE HAVEN'T SEEN A SINGLE HIGH SCHOOL GIRL, EVEN THOUGH WE WERE SENT TO WORK AT AN ALL-GIRLS SCHOOL?


THONK...
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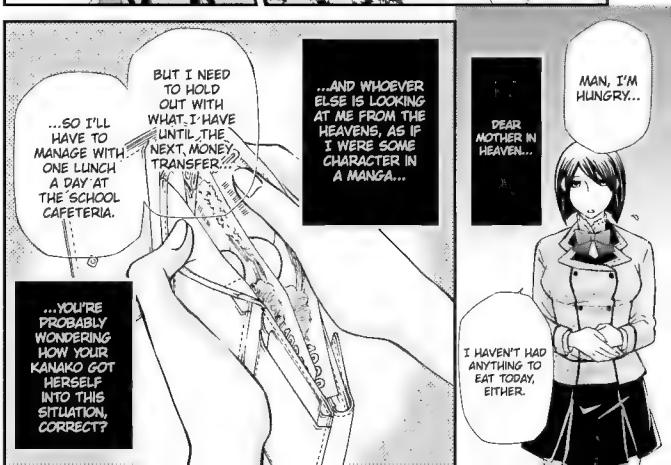
THEY'RE GONE...
SENPAI, THAT'S SUPER GROSS!
HA HA HA HA HA HA....
LET'S AT LEAST BREATHE SOME OF THEIR PERFUME INTO OUR LUNGS FOR LATER.

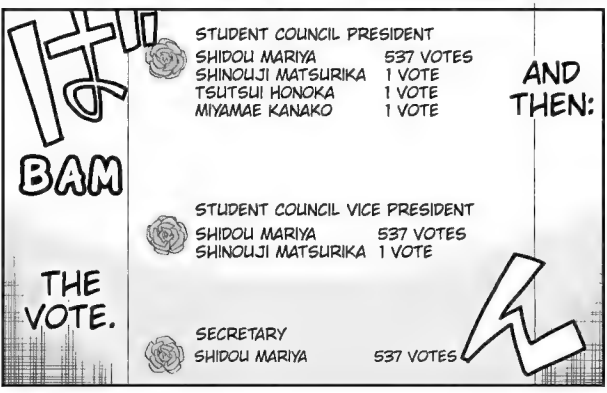
THANK GOD, I'VE MANAGED TO SNEAK PAST THEM AGAIN.
NOW I CAN FINALLY LIE DOWN.

WHAT'S WITH THOSE GUYS, ANYWAY?
WHY ARE ADULTS GETTING SO EXCITED OVER HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS?
THE RIGHT TO SAVOR THE FRAGRANCE OF A YOUNG WOMAN'S PERFUME IS RESTRICTED TO THOSE WHO STUDY WITH THEM...
GRRRMMBBB...
AH...


MAN, I'M HUNGRY...
DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN...
I HAVEN'T HAD ANYTHING TO EAT TODAY, EITHER.
...AND WHOEVER ELSE IS LOOKING AT ME FROM THE HEAVENS, AS IF I WERE SOME CHARACTER IN A MANGA...
BUT I NEED TO HOLD OUT WITH WHAT I HAVE UNTIL THE NEXT MONEY TRANSFER...
...SO I'LL HAVE TO MANAGE WITH ONE LUNCH A DAY AT THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA.
...YOU'RE PROBABLY WONDERING HOW YOUR KANAKO GOT HERSELF INTO THIS SITUATION, CORRECT?

RUSTLE...
TIME FOR BED.
I CAN FORGET EVERYTHING WHEN I'M ASLEEP.
LET ME SUMMARIZE IT FOR YOU.
TA-DAAAA!!
I WAS THROWN INTO THE STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION BECAUSE OF THE SCHEMING OF A FAKE KANAKO.
THE HOUSE MOTHER TOLD ME THAT IF I LOST, I WOULD BE FORCED TO LEAVE THE DORMS.
MIYAMAE KANAKO
...AND I FELT FRIENDSHIP AND ROMANCE BEGINNING TO BLOSSOM.
BUT A POWERFUL RIVAL SUDDENLY APPEARED...

あらあら...
OH GOSH
ENCORE!
ENCORE!
...IN THE FORM OF THAT DEMON'S MIRACULOUS STAGE PERFORMANCE!
HOWEVER, TRAGEDY STRUCK...
THE ENCORES DIDN'T STOP...
...AND THE NEW CANDIDATE LEFT ME IN THE DUST!!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THE VOTE.
STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT
SHIDOU MARIYA 537 VOTES
SHINOUJI MATSURIKA 1 VOTE
TSUTSUI HONOKA 1 VOTE
MIYAMAE KANAKO 1 VOTE
AND THEN:
STUDENT COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT
SHIDOU MARIYA 537 VOTES
SHINOUJI MATSURIKA 1 VOTE
SECRETARY
SHIDOU MARIYA 537 VOTES

PUTTING ASIDE THE VOTING RESULTS THAT HAVE PUT THE SCHOOL UNDER MARIYA'S DICTATORIAL RULE...
...HOW COULD I BE THE ONLY ONE WHO VOTED FOR ME?
I VOTED FOR TSUTSUI-SAN.
HOW COULD YOU?!
I JUST WROTE MY NAME ON MY PROPERTY.
A BALLOT IS NOT PROPERTY!
I thought I'd be safe if I voted for myself...
Goodness...
AND I WASN'T EVEN RUNNING.
WHA...?
HUH?
SO...WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
Dazon
THERE ARE COUNTRIES WHERE THE RULING PARTY IS THROWING ITS WEIGHT AROUND AND BREAKING ALL OF ITS PROMISES...
WHAT KIND OF IDIOTS WOULD RAISE TAXES DURING A PERIOD OF DEFLATION? THEY MUST ALL BE TERRIBLE AT SIM CITY.
IF YOU JUST LOOK AT THE RESULTS THEY'RE NOT BAD. I TIED FOR SECOND PLACE. BUT...
I HAD TO LEAVE THE DORMS AS AGREED, AND SO I'VE BEEN SECRETLY LIVING ON THE AME NO KISAKI GROUNDS.

HUH?
JOLT
カサッ
RUSTLE
THE COLD, ON TOP OF THIS HUNGER...
URRGH... LATELY IT'S STARTED GETTING REALLY COLD AT NIGHT.
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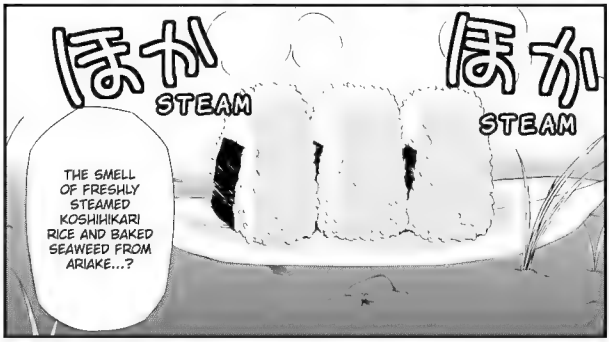
SHIVER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STEAM
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STEAM
THE SMELL OF FRESHLY STEAMED KOSHIHIKARI RICE AND BAKED SEAWEED FROM ARIAKE...?

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REACH...
ろっ...
THERE'S NO WAY THAT WARM ONIGIRI WOULD BE ALL THE WAY OUT HERE...
TREMBLE ふる...
IS THIS LIKE WHEN SOMEONE IN THE DESERT SEES THE ILLUSION OF AN OASIS?

AH...BUT THIS SIGHT IS SO WONDERFUL...
PEEK
NO MATTER HOW LOW I'VE FALLEN, I'M STILL A HUMAN BEING...
I CAN'T FORGET MY PRIDE AS AN AME NO KISAKI STUDENT...
No!
CONTROL YOURSELF, RIGHT HAND!
KANAKO, YOU CAN'T PICK UP FOOD FROM THE DIRTY GROUND!
CRASH
THE SEAWEED CARRIES THE SUCCULENT SCENT OF HAVING BEEN LIGHTLY SEARED ON ITS SURFACE JUST MOMENTS BEFORE...
WHITE RICE, FLUFFY AFTER HAVING BEEN COOKED IN A PORCELAIN-POT...
HIGH-QUALITY NATURAL SALT FROM KUMEJIMA, BAKED OVER A LONG TIME USING THE TRADITIONAL FLAT-POT METHOD...
AAH...
AAH...!!

KA-CLANK
HUH...?

I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU, KANAKO-SAN.
MARIYA?!
WAS THIS ONE OF YOUR TRAPS?!
DID YOU REALLY THINK THAT WARM, FRESHLY-MADE ONIGIRI WOULD JUST SPRING UP OUT OF THE EARTH?
HUH?
WELL, I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE AN OASIS.
I CAN'T BE BOTHERED TO EXPLAIN. NEVER MIND.
THESE ARE TREASURE TROVES OF FLAVOR...
WELL...
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
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YOU SEEM TO HAVE BECOME ONE WITH NATURE, BUT HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN ON CONTINUING TO LIVE LIKE THIS?
...
MUNCH
ONLY YOU, MARIYA!
YOUR TRAPS REALLY ARE THE BEST...THESE ONIGIRI ARE A MARIYAGE (GET IT, A MARRIAGE?) OF ONLY THE BEST INGREDIENTS.
MUNCH
SHUT UP, THAT'S NOT CLEVER.

TRUE
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TRUE
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I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG!!
THIS TIME FOR SURE I AM ONE HUNDRED PERCENT THE VICTIM!
ISN'T IT YOUR FAULT?
WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK IT IS THAT I HAVE TO LIVE OUT HERE?!
WHO...
YOU TRIED TO SLIDE A QUESTION MARK BY ME, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU JUST PUT A (?) ON THAT DIDN'T YOU?
ALL I DID WAS PREPARE A STAGE WORTHY OF OUR MAIN (?) CHARACTER.
DON'T TRY TO HURT MY REPUTATION.
YAY! YAY!
WOO! WOO!
THAT IS ALL.
...AND DIDN'T EVEN LET ME MAKE MY SPEECH!
AYARI-SENPAI GOT ALL CAUGHT UP IN THE EMOTION OF THE MOMENT...
YES, THAT'S RIGHT, AND WHAT HAPPENED ?!
I SUPPORTED YOU WITH ALL I HAD.

I WILL STAY AT AME NO KISAKI, NO MATTER WHAT DIRTY MEANS I HAVE TO USE...!!
YOU'RE ALREADY DIRTY, IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT WAYS.
...I'M NOT GOING TO LEAVE.
WHAT?
AS YOU KNOW, MARIYA-SAMA RECEIVED ALL OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL POSTS WHEN SHE WAS SIMULTANEOUSLY VOTED AS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND SECRETARY.
HOWEVER, SHE IS OF COURSE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL ALL THREE ROLES...
KANAKO-SAMA...
WHAT? YOU MEAN...
SHE'LL GIVE ONE OF THE REMAINING POSITIONS TO ME...?
MATSURIKA?

IF I JOIN THE STUDENT COUNCIL, THE HOUSE MOTHER WILL...
ARE YOU SAYING THAT THAT'S MY CHANCE TO RETURN TO THE DORMS?
NOD
WHAAAT? WOW, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE!
YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE ME ONE OF THOSE BIG IMPORTANT ROLES, LIKE VICE PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY?
NO, THE VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY ROLES ARE ALREADY FILLED.
HUH?
WHAT ELSE IS THERE?
ACCOUNTANT? I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT MATH...
UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS NO ACCOUNTANT POSITION IN AME NO KISAKI'S STUDENT COUNCIL.
SO WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I WANT YOU TO HELP ME.

AT AME NO KISAKI, THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT CAN RECOMMEND PEOPLE.
THAT MEANS THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS THE POWER TO SELECT PEOPLE FOR ROLES SHE FEELS ARE NECESSARY.
SO I'M GOING TO BE YOUR BEAUTIFUL SECRETARY?
NO.
I WANT YOU TO ACT AS THE SHADOW PRESIDENT.
SHADOW...
...PRESIDENT?

YOU'LL POUR THE TEA FOR THE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND BUY YAKISOBA BREAD FOR THE COUNCIL MEMBERS...
...AND CLEAN IN PLACE OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS...YOU KNOW, THERE ARE LOTS OF RESPONSIBILITIES.
THAT'S JUST A LACKEY!!
...WHAT DOES THAT ENTAIL?
WELL, LET'S SEE...
SHAKE SHAKE
SHAKE SHAKE
No, no...
THAT'S THE JOB OF THE SHADOW PRESIDENT.
NOD
B-BUT... IF I ACCEPT THE LACK-
I MEAN, SHADOW PRESIDENT POSITION, DOES THAT MEAN I CAN RETURN TO GIRLS' DORMITORY NUMBER TWO... ?
GULP

I FEEL LIKE THAT'S NOT ANY DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE.
WHAT WILL YOU DO, KANAKO?
ARE YOU OKAY WITH BEING PUSHED AROUND BY MARIYA AND THE OTHERS AS THEIR SLAVE FOR A FULL YEAR?
BUT NO, THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING FORCED INTO THAT ROLE AND CHOOSING TO FULFILL IT MYSELF...!
KANAKO-SAN?
KOBAYASHI ICHIZO OF HANKYUU DENTETSU ONCE SAID...
THE MAN WHO PIONEERED A NEW ERA IN THE RAILROAD INDUSTRY BY OPENING DEPARTMENT STORES AND THEATERS...

THE BEST DOORMAN...
...IN ALL OF JAPAN?!

"IF YOU'VE BEEN MADE A DOORMAN, BECOME THE BEST DOORMAN IN ALL OF JAPAN."
"IF YOU DO THAT, NO ONE WILL LEAVE YOU A DOORMAN FOR LONG."

WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, MONKEY?
...NOBUNAGA-SAMA, YOU MUST GO TO THE HOSPITAL.
I CAN SENSE IT, BECAUSE I HAVE WARMED YOUR SANDALS FOR MANY YEARS NOW.
FROM THE LOOK OF THE TEARS IN THESE SANDALS... YOUR LIVER IS NOT WELL.
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S BECAUSE YOU'VE NEGLECTED YOUR HEALTH WITH NIGHT AFTER NIGHT OF BANQUETS...
きゃーっ!!
EEEEEEEK!!
OR MAYBE YOU DRANK LIQUOR FROM THE HOLLOWED-OUT SKULL OF A MAN?
HE'S TOTALLY FIGURED ME OUT!!

AND WHY ARE YOU STILL WARMING MY SANDALS? I MADE YOU A DAIMYO AGES AGO!
I AM THE ANGRIEST ANYONE HAS EVER BEEN, EVER!
OH MY GOSH, THAT'S CROSSED OVER FROM AMAZING INTO KIND OF CREEPY!
TOUKICHIROU, HOW DID YOU GUESS?!
I JUST CARE ABOUT YOU SO SUPER MUCH!!
STOP IT, DON'T BE ANGRY AT ME!
TWEET
TWEET
CHEEP CHEEP

EVERYTHING UNTIL NOW WAS JUST A BAD DREAM.
IT HAD TO HAVE BEEN, JUST LOOK AT HOW REFRESHING THE SUNLIGHT IS!
CHEEP CHEEP
TWEET
MMMM!
WHAT A REFRESHING MORNING!
IT'S REFRESHING, ISN'T IT?
WHY ARE YOU SO CHEERFUL THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING?
WHAT?
HUH? WHAT?
I'VE DECIDED THAT RATHER THAN BE BOGGED DOWN IN DESPAIR, I'M GOING TO UNDERTAKE MY NEW DUTIES DILIGENTLY...
...AND LIVE A REFRESHING NEW LIFE.
SO IS "REFRESHING" THE WORD OF THE DAY OR SOMETHING?

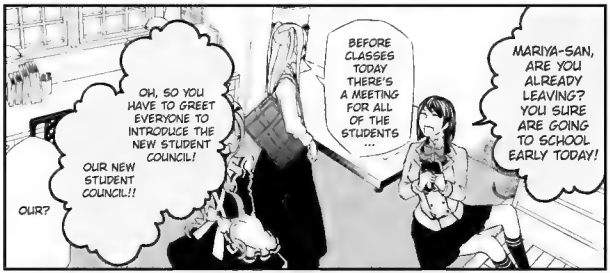
HUH? WHAT?
I'M GOING TO BECOME THE BEST LACKEY IN ALL OF JAPAN!!
UUUH...?
DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN...
...I'VE HAD A REFRESHING NEW REBIRTH.
I AM GOING TO BECOME THE KING OF THE LACKEYS!!
THAT BEING SAID, I'M GOING TO GO BUY SOME YAKISOBA BREAD!
THEY'RE NOT SELLING IT YET.
I'M GOING TO LINE UP BEFORE THEY OPEN!

MARIA HOLIC

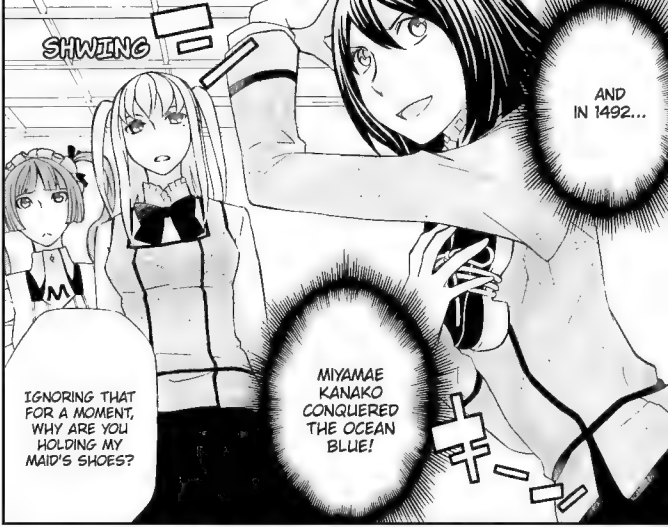
Prayer59
The Beginning of a New Student Council ☆

RECAP FROM THE PREVIOUS EPISODE:
THE STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION JUST BARELY SLIPPED THROUGH KANAKO'S HANDS, BUT THANKS TO THE VALUE OF HER PREVIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS AND HER ENDLESS POTENTIAL...!
...SHE WAS BROUGHT IN AS THE SHADOW PRESIDENT.
WE NEED YOUR POWER!
MARIYA LOVES HIDING THINGS SO MUCH THAT HE'S HIDING HIS OWN TRUE GENDER....
...SO I'M SURE HE WILL CONCEAL MY ROLE UNTIL THE TIME IS RIGHT.
IT IS MY DUTY TO REMAIN BY HIS SIDE AND SHARPEN HIS SWORD UNTIL THEN....

...IN THE ROLE OF DOORMAN, WHICH JUST HAS THE FANCY NAME "SHADOW PRESIDENT" ATTACHED TO IT!
WHAT ARE YOU MUTTERING ABOUT? GET OUT OF THE WAY OF THE DOOR.


MARIYA-SAN, ARE YOU ALREADY LEAVING? YOU SURE ARE GOING TO SCHOOL EARLY TODAY!
BEFORE CLASSES TODAY THERE'S A MEETING FOR ALL OF THE STUDENTS ...
OH, SO YOU HAVE TO GREET EVERYONE TO INTRODUCE THE NEW STUDENT COUNCIL!
OUR NEW STUDENT COUNCIL!!
OUR?

TODAY IS THE END OF BEGINNINGS...
...AND IT IS THE BEGINNING OF THE END!
IN 1192 KAMAKURA HAD THEIR BAKUFU... IN 894 THE ENVOY TO THE TANG COURT CAME HOME FOR SURE...


SHWING
AND IN 1492...
MIYAMAE KANAKO CONQUERED THE OCEAN BLUE!
IGNORING THAT FOR A MOMENT, WHY ARE YOU HOLDING MY MAID'S SHOES?

IF I'M TO BECOME A DOORMAN, I MUST FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF TOYOTOMI HIDEYOSHI, THE GREATEST DOORMAN OF ALL!
BUT WHY IS HE HOLDING AN OLD MAN'S SANDAL TO HIS CHEST?
WHAT DOES "YES" MEAN?
YES?
TURN

BUT-MATSURIKA'S SHOE... SMELLS LIKE LILY OF THE VALLEY.
IT WOULD BE "TRUE HAPPINESS" TO BE STEPPED ON BY THIS SHOE...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WHY"? YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW, EVEN AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT?
IT HAS TO REEK. YOU KNOW IT'S AN OLD MAN'S SANDAL, RIGHT? YOU COULD CATCH ATHLETE'S FOOT.
.....

I DO NOT BELIEVE I CAN RECOVER.
I DID NOT KNOW IT WAS SO PAINFUL TO HAVE MY POSSESSIONS SULLIED LIKE THIS...
I'M SORRY, MARIYA-SAMA, BUT WOULD YOU MIND GOING TO SCHOOL ALONE TODAY?
COLLAPSE
WHAT'S WRONG?
I SEE. STOP BEING STUPID AND COME ON.

FROM TODAY FORTH, THESE THREE WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AME NO KISAKI AS YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL.
PLEASE WELCOME THEM WITH A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
OUR NEW STUDENT COUNCIL...
YEAR 1 CLASS A SHIDOU MARYA
...IS WHATEVER, WHO CARES.
BUT THEY ALL SHINE SO BRIGHTLY IN THE SPOTLIGHT...
YEAR 2 CLASS B KOTOBUKI SHIOMI-SAN.
YEAR 2 CLASS C AIKAWA YOSHINO-SAN.

I'M NOT ALLOWED TO STAND WITH THEM YET, BUT MY HEART IS THE SAME.
I WILL WATCH OVER ALL OF YOU AS THE SHADOW PRESIDENT.
I WILL WATCH OVER "TEAM KANAKO" ...
AND WITH THAT, TODAY MARKS THE DAY...
...THAT I, SHIKI AYARI, AND THE CURRENT STUDENT COUNCIL, WILL BE DISBANDED.
HUH...?

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE TEACHERS AND ALL OF YOU...
...FOR SUPPORTING US AND WATCHING OVER US UNTIL NOW.
THAT'S RIGHT... WHY DIDN'T I REALIZE IT BEFORE?
...
THE CREATION OF A NEW STUDENT COUNCIL MEANS THAT THE CURRENT STUDENT COUNCIL IS OVER.
THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT WILL NO LONGER BE THE PRESIDENT...
...AND THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL NO LONGER BE THE VICE PRESIDENT...
...AND ALL OF THE 3RD YEAR STUDENTS WILL BE BUSY WITH PREPARATIONS FOR GOING TO UNIVERSITY AND THEY'LL ALL GRADUATE IN THE SPRING...

OH NO!
AT THIS RATE, I'M NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO CLEAR HER EVENT!!
WHY DID YOU WASTE SO MUCH TIME, KANAKO?
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVEN'T CHOSEN YOUR TARGET GIRL YET, THERE ARE THINGS YOU COULD'VE BEEN DOING!
IN ORDER TO GO AFTER MULTIPLE GIRLS AT ONCE, YOU HAVE TO WORK AT IT EVERY SINGLE DAY AND BE CAREFUL TO HIT ALL OF THEIR KEY EVENT POINTS!
YOU'RE SO STUPID, KANAKO! I HATE YOU!!

BUT THERE'S NO USE GETTING FLUSTERED NOW.
I HAVE TO THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT THE FUTURE.
LET'S SEE, THERE ARE FIVE GIRLS THAT I STILL HAVE A STORYLINE WITH RIGHT NOW...
JUST FIVE?!
BANG
THERE ARE OVER A HUNDRED GIRLS IN EACH GRADE, AND I ONLY HAVE FIVE?! I REALLY MUST BE A MORON!
KANAKO-SAN?
AND I HAVEN'T EVEN REALLY RAISED OUR FRIENDSHIP METERS THAT HIGH EITHER!
LET'S HEAD OVER TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM AND...

KANAKO-SAN?
TURN
THIS IS NO TIME FOR THAT!!
ROAR
HUH?
I CAN'T BE GETTING DOWN ON MYSELF.

I CAN'T WASTE EVEN ONE MORE MINUTE, NO, ONE MORE SECOND...!!

FOR ME?
ONE OF THE 2ND YEAR STUDENTS TOLD ME TO GIVE THIS TO YOU.
ISHIMA-SAN.

THIS IS...

THE CASE OF ISHIMA RYUKEN:
WHAT'S UP, KANAKO-KUN?
WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY CALL ME OUT HERE?
ACTUALLY, I WANTED YOUR ADVICE... OR RATHER, TO ASK YOU A QUESTION.
A QUESTION?
YES.
RYUKEN-SAMA, YOU HAVE A JAPANESE SWORD, DON'T YOU?
YEAH.
I RECEIVED IT FROM MY GRANDFATHER.
WELL, I'VE BEEN WANTING TO STUDY SWORDPLAY.

SPEAR...
MISERICORD...
SHORT SWORD...
TACHI LONG SWORD...
DISGUISED SWORD...
POLEARM...
UCHIGATANA LONG SWORD...
WHICH DO YOU LIKE BEST OUT OF THOSE?

HUH?
I'D ALSO LIKE TO HEAR YOUR REASONS.
UM...
THIS IS A PSYCHOLOGY TEST I CAME UP WITH.
UMMM...
HEH HEH...
HER FAVORITE TYPE OF SWORD INDICATES HER FAVORITE TYPE OF GIRL.
AND THE REASON FOR LIKING THAT TYPE OF SWORD WILL BE THE REASON FOR LIKING THAT TYPE OF GIRL!

I REALLY DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT SWORDS.
SORRY.
!!

I KNEW IT! RYUKEN-SAMA IS A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PURE GIRL!
SO IT'S MY JOB TO GENTLY SURROUND THE BUDDING OF THIS PALE LOVE AND ALLOW IT TO GROW...
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FLUTTER

...THIS
THIS MEANS SHE DOESN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT LOVE, RIGHT?!
?
INCH

I MUST ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE !!
SWISH
THANK YOU! YOU'VE TRULY HELPED ME!!
HUH? OKAY?

I WONDER IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HER...?

I'VE GOTTEN THE HANG OF THIS THANKS TO RYUKEN-SAMA...
SO NOW IT'S TIME FOR ME TO DISPLAY MY LOVE TECHNIQUE!!
WELL...
YOUR FAMILY RUNS A SUSHI RESTAURANT, RIGHT, SATSUKI-SENPAI?

THE CASE OF SATSUKI CHIFUMI:
WHAT'S UP, MIYAMAE?
DID YOU WANT TO ASK ME ABOUT SOMETHING?

SO...
COULD YOU HOLD MY HAND, LIKE YOU WOULD HOLD SUSHI?

I'M SURPRISED YOU KNOW THAT.
YEAH, I DON'T MEAN TO BRAG, BUT IT'S AN OLD RESTAURANT THAT'S PRETTY FAMOUS.
I LOVE SUSHI.

WHAT?
THINK OF MY RIGHT HAND AS THE FISH AND MY LEFT HAND AS THE RICE.
UMMM...
I DON'T ACTUALLY KNOW HOW TO MAKE SUSHI MYSELF...
WHAAAAAAT?!
APPARENTLY MY TWO YOUNGER BROTHERS ARE BEING FORCED INTO TRAINING, BUT...
HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING?
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!
I DON'T HAVE THE GUIDE FOR SNAGGING THE DAUGHTER OF A SUSHI CHEF WHO DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE SUSHI!

NO, YOU CAN'T GIVE UP, KANAKO!
IF THERE'S NO MANUAL YET, THEN I WILL HAVE TO MAKE ONE!
CLENCH
MY STEPS WILL BE THE PATH FOR THOSE WHO FOLLOW ME!
UH...
HUH?
SHOOT! I WENT TOO FAR!!
I WANT TO BECOME YOUR RICE!!
OUR FRIENDSHIP HASN'T REACHED THE NECESSARY LEVEL YET.
ALL RIGHT, TIME TO CHANGE GEARS AND AIM FOR RAISING SENSITIVITY LEVELS.
GINGER IS SO CUTE, DON'T YOU THINK?

YES.
IT'S PINK, AND HAS A SWEET AND SOUR TASTE...
I READ THAT SOMEWHERE.
...YOU'LL LEAVE A BETTER IMPRESSION BY ADMIRING THEIR POSSESSIONS AND HOBBIES.
RATHER THAN BY DIRECTLY COMPLIMENTING YOUR TARGET...
GINGER ?!
YOU MEAN THE GINGER THAT COMES WITH SUSHI?
KIND OF LIKE...
...FIRST LOVE.
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT GIRL?
Oh no!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I SAID THAT, I'M SO EMBARRASSED !!
WHAA ?!
DASH

THE CASE OF TSUMUGI BANRI:
MIYAMAE-SAN... WAS IT?
WHAT COULD SHIDOU-SAN'S ROOMMATE HAVE TO TALK TO ME ABOUT?
BUT I SUPPOSE WE BARELY EVER SEE EACH OTHER.
THAT'S ALL SHE KNOWS ABOUT ME.
BUT I WON'T LET THAT GET TO ME.
ON GROUP DATES, PEOPLE WHO WERE COMPLETE STRANGERS IMMEDIATELY BECOME SO CLOSE...
...THAT WITHIN A FEW HOURS OF MEETING THEY'VE TRADED PHONE NUMBERS AND ARE GOING OUT FOR ALL-NIGHT COFFEE TOGETHER.
AND BECAUSE I KNOW ALL OF HER PERSONAL DATA, IF I JUST APPROACH IT USING THREE DSS AT THE SAME TIME WE'LL BE IN BLISSFUL LOVE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.
YES! I JUST HAVE TO THINK OF LOVE LIKE A GAME!!
MAYUMI: NO WAY, I CAN'T GO HOME WITH YOU! I'M GOING TO VOMIT IN MY SLEEP
HUH?
AND YOUR MOTHER IS A TEA CEREMONY MASTER.
I HEAR THEY MET DURING THEIR SECOND YEAR OF UNIVERSITY ON A TROPICAL ISLAND...
OH MY GOSH, HOW ROMANTIC!
YOUR FATHER IS THE COACH OF A LOCAL SOCCER TEAM, RIGHT?
FIRST, I HAVE TO START SOME CONVERSATION BY CASUALLY ASKING ABOUT HER FAMILY.

WHY DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT MY PARENTS?
HMM, AND HE LIKES BEER AND STEAMED PORK...
FOR A MAN, YOUR FATHER IS PRETTY AMAZING, BANRI-SENPAI!
UH... UM... MIYAMAE-SAN?
...AND YOUR FATHER BOUGHT THEIR WEDDING RINGS USING MONEY HE EARNED WORKING PART TIME DIRECTING TRAFFIC...
YOUR MOTHER'S FATHER WAS ABSOLUTELY OPPOSED TO THE PAIRING, BUT BECAUSE OF THEIR ALL-ENCOMPASSING LOVE, THEY MARRIED STRAIGHT OUT OF UNIVERSITY...
FLIP
MA-MARIYA...
BUT THIS IS WHERE A TRUE STRATEGIST HAS TO KEEP IT TOGETHER!
I LEARNED TOO MUCH!
<GRAAAAAAAAP!!
AT THIS RATE HER WARNING LEVEL, INSTEAD OF HER AFFECTION LEVEL, IS GOING TO GET MAXED OUT!
SHE... IS ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT YOU.
YES, THAT'S RIGHT, MARIYA!

I ALWAYS HOPED WE WERE FRIENDLY, SINCE WE'VE BEEN IN THE SAME CLUB SINCE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BUT...
GOOD JOB, STRATEGIST, YOU GOT IT RIGHT!
STRATEGIST KANAKO!
...I KIND OF FELT LIKE SHE HAD BUILT A WALL, OR...
I WAS WORRIED THAT SHE DIDN'T LIKE ME.
...THAT SHE NEVER SHOWED HER TRUE SELF TO ME, SO...
HUH?
SHIDOU-SAN IS?
REALLY? I'M SO EMBARRASSED!
AND NOW SHIDOU-SAN HAS TO TAKE ON ALL OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, EVEN THOUGH SHE'S ONLY A FIRST YEAR STUDENT.
KNOWING HER, I'M SURE SHE'LL DO IT ALL PERFECTLY, AND WITH A SMILE, BUT...
SHE NEVER SHOWS HER PAIN TO OTHERS, SO SOMETIMES I WORRY ABOUT HER.
I KNOW THIS.
I RECOGNIZE THIS FEELING OF HAVING LOST...
THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU'RE FINALLY ALONE WITH THE PERSON YOU LIKE, BUT THEY START TALKING TO YOU ABOUT THEIR OWN LOVE TROUBLE.

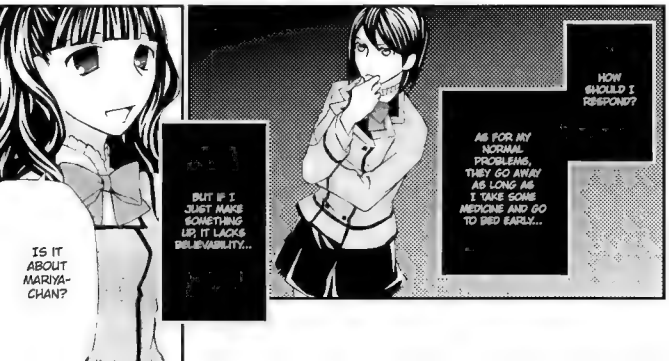
I'M RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU, LOOK AT ME...
DRIP...
FORGET ABOUT SOMEONE LIKE HIM...
...AND LOOK AT ME INSTEAD.
DASH
HAVE A NICE DAY!!
MIYAMAE-SAN?!
...
MIYAMAE-SAN MUST BE WORRIED ABOUT SHIDOU-SAN, TOO.

THE CASE OF NATSURU MAKI:
WHAT'S WRONG, MIYAMAE-SAN?
YOUR EYES ARE BRIGHT RED. WERE YOU CRYING?
DID SOMETHING SAD HAPPEN?

SHE'S SO KIND! SHE'S A GODDESS OF KINDNESS !!
I'M SO GLAD I CRIED! THESE TEARS WILL BE THE PASSPORT TO MY HAPPINESS!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN MISS THIS CHANCE!

I'M FINE.
I FEEL BETTER NOW THAT I'VE SEEN YOUR FACE.
I'M GLAD.
REALLY?
DOESN'T I MAKE YOU WANT TO SUPPORT ME?
AREN'T I CUTE?
I'M STRONG AREN'T I?
I SEE I'M TEASING HER MERCILESSLY.
WHEN DID I START TO CRY?

SO WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK TO ME ABOUT?
IS THERE SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU?


HOW SHOULD I RESPOND?
AS FOR MY NORMAL PROBLEMS, THEY GO AWAY AS LONG AS I TAKE SOME MEDICINE AND GO TO BED EARLY...
BUT IF I JUST MAKE SOMETHING UP, IT LACKS BELIEVABILITY...
IS IT ABOUT MARIYA-CHAN?

!!!!
SPLURT

I'LL USE HIM FOR ALL HE'S WORTH!
I DON'T LIKE IT, BUT I GUESS I'LL GO DOWN THE MARIYA CONVERSATION ROUTE...
DAMN...
THAT'S RIGHT... IT'S ABOUT MARIYA AND THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.
AYARIN?
I'LL... I'LL CALL AN AMBULANCE ...!!
MIYAMAE-SAN?!
WHAT'S WRONG, ARE YOU OKAY?!
I'M FINE, I JUST LOST MYSELF FOR A MOMENT THERE...

HOW DO YOU LIKE IT? I'M AMAZING!
THIS IS THE SHORTEST STRATEGY OF THE DAY, AND ALSO THE MOST EFFECTIVE!
I BET I'VE SHOT THROUGH THE UNFAMILIARITY METER AND HAVE ALREADY SET THE STAGE FOR A LOVE CONFESSION!
OH, IS THAT WHAT THIS IS ABOUT?
YES...
I WAS WONDERING IF THERE WAS ANY WAY TO HELP THEM MAKE AMENDS BEFORE YOU GUYS GRADUATE.
BWUH?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
THEY'RE ALWAYS ARGUING AND CAN'T ACT LIKE ADULTS AROUND EACH OTHER...
...BUT THERE'S A UNIQUE CONNECTION BETWEEN THEM.

TAP TAP
...AND THAT WRAPS UP EVERYTHING CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF POWER.
STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM
DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
NO, NOTHING.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GUIDANCE.

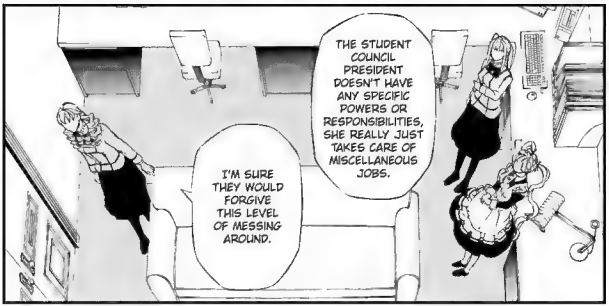
...PRESIDENT?
I ALSO CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO TAKE NOTES.
SNIFF
...THEN, WHAT I AM GOING TO TELL YOU NOW MUST NOT BE REPEATED.

HUH?
IT'S NOT A FAN-MODEL, SO MAKE SURE TO CLEAN OUT THE FROST EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE.
EVERYONE SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN ITEMS.
THE COOKIES AND RICE CRACKERS ARE IN THIS CABINET.
AFTER YOU'VE TAKEN THEM OUT, DON'T FORGET TO PUT THIS FAKE BOTTOM BACK ON.

THIS IS WHERE THE FRIDGE FOR SNACKS IS.

THE TEA LEAVES AND CUPS ARE IN THE BACK OF THOSE FILE CABINETS ON THE RIGHT.
WHEN YOU GO TO WASH THEM, BE CAREFUL THAT NO ONE ELSE IS AROUND.
THERE ARE ALSO PAPER CUPS AND PLATES FOR WHEN YOU WANT TO AVOID ANY TROUBLE.
SOMETIMES YOU'LL NOTICE THAT SUPPLIES ARE DEPLETING...
...BUT IF YOU GO TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE, YOU'LL *SOMEHOW* BE ABLE TO REFILL THEM.

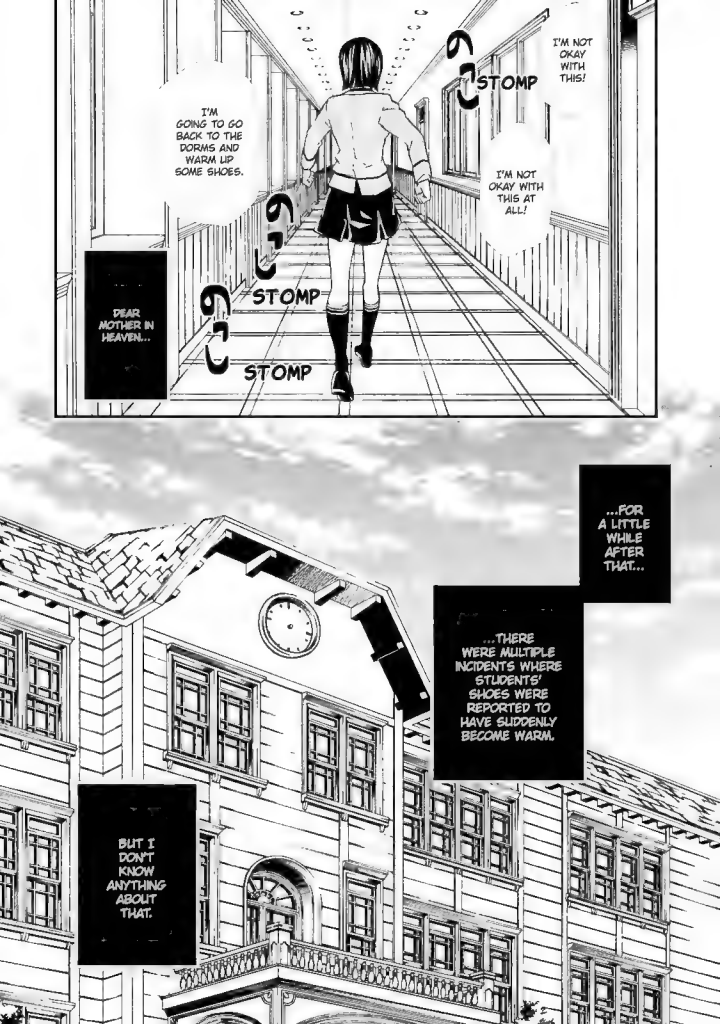
DID YOU ALTER ALL OF THIS...?
IT'S A SECRET.


THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT DOESN'T HAVE ANY SPECIFIC POWERS OR RESPONSIBILITIES, SHE REALLY JUST TAKES CARE OF MISCELLANEOUS JOBS.
I'M SURE THEY WOULD FORGIVE THIS LEVEL OF MESSING AROUND.

DO YOU REGRET IT?
IT'S TERRIBLY BORING.
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WHISPER ABOUT HOW YOU'RE A SLAVE TO THE TEACHERS AND JUST AROUND TO SET BOUNDARIES ON EVERYTHING.
IT DOESN'T ADD ALL THAT MUCH TO YOUR STUDENT RECORD, AND EVEN IF IT DID, I ALREADY HAVE MY FUTURE PLANNED OUT FOR ME, SO THERE'S VERY LITTLE REAL BENEFIT.
SQUEAK ギュッ・・・

WHEN I RAN...
I WAS BURNING WITH THE DESIRE TO DO SOMETHING FOR AME NO KISAKI, TO MAKE IT BETTER.
BUT ALL I DID THIS YEAR WAS TAKE CARE OF SOME LITTLE JOBS AND DILIGENTLY PLAY MY ROLE IN THE EVENTS.
THAT'S IT.
THAT'S ALL.
BUT...
IT WAS A LOT OF FUN.

THE SECRETS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL, AND OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM...
...I WILL PROTECT THEM.
SPLURT
THE HELL...?
THE HELL KINDA NONSENSE IS THIS?
DAMN YOU, MARIYA...
WHILE I'VE BEEN OUT IN THE FIELD TRYING TO RAISE AFFECTION METERS, YOU'VE ALREADY COMPLETED A DEFINING LOVE EVENT.


DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN...
I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO THE DORMS AND WARM UP SOME SHOES.
STOMP
STOMP
I'M NOT OKAY WITH THIS!
I'M NOT OKAY WITH THIS AT ALL!
...FOR A LITTLE WHILE AFTER THAT...
...THERE WERE MULTIPLE INCIDENTS WHERE STUDENTS' SHOES WERE REPORTED TO HAVE SUDDENLY BECOME WARM.
BUT I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.

MARIA HOLIC

MARIA HOLIC

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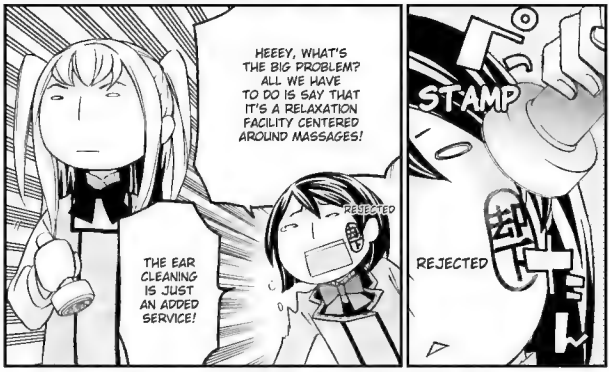
Farewell, Shadow President!

I'M THE SHADOW STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, AREN'T I?
OH YEAH, THAT'S WHAT WE WERE GOING WITH.
WELL, BECAUSE I'M NOW GOING TO BE GRINDING DOWN INTO THE WORLD OF POLITICS...
...I'D LIKE SOME SORT OF SPECIAL COMPENSATION.
COMPENSA-TION?

ARE YOU STUPID? THE ONLY PEOPLE THOSE WOULD BENEFIT WOULD BE THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES!
WHAT? ARE YOU PLANNING ON BUILDING SOMETHING LIKE AN OBSERVATORY OR A TOWN HALL?
RIGHT! I THINK WE SHOULD FOCUS ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

NO, MORE LIKE A MAID CAFÉ, SPECIFICALLY FOR THE SHADOW PRESIDENT, OR...
A MASSAGE PARLOR, SPECIFICALLY FOR THE SHADOW PRESIDENT, OR...
SOMEWHERE THEY WOULD CLEAN OUT YOUR EARS, SPECIFICALLY FOR THE SHADOW PRESIDENT, OF COURSE.
Y'KNOW, SOMETHING HAPPY LIKE THAT.

I'M NOT AN IDIOT, SO I'LL MAKE SURE THAT IT JUST TOES THE LINE OF VIOLATING THE ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS ACT.
I DON'T WANT ANY STUDENTS GETTING ARRESTED, AFTER ALL!
YOU'RE GONNA HAVE A HARD TIME GETTING THAT LAST ONE PAST THE RULES.
EAR CLEANING IS CLASSIFIED AS A MEDICAL SERVICE.


HEEEY, WHAT'S THE BIG PROBLEM? ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS SAY THAT IT'S A RELAXATION FACILITY CENTERED AROUND MASSAGES!
REJECTED
THE EAR CLEANING IS JUST AN ADDED SERVICE!
STAMP
REJECTED

I'LL SETTLE FOR HAVING THE LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL UNIFORM SKIRTS CUT AS SHORT AS THEY CAN POSSIBLY GO.
I GOT IT!

HUH?
OOOH, BUT HOW LOVELY THAT MOMENTARY GLANCE AT A WOMAN'S THIGH BENEATH HER LONG SKIRT IS!
WHAT EVER SHALL I CHOOSE?
THE ALLOCATION OF POWER IS A TRULY SCARY THING FOR THE AVERAGE CITIZEN.
HEY...
THE STUDENT COUNCIL DOESN'T ACTUALLY HAVE ANY POWER.
WHU?
THE ONLY BENEFIT IS THAT YOU GET A FEW POINTS ON YOUR STUDENT RECORD.
AND IF YOU'VE ALREADY GOT YOUR FUTURE LAID OUT FOR YOU, THERE'S NO BENEFITS AT ALL.

WE MUST HAVE SOME RIGHT TO VOTE OR SOMETHING.
WHAT VOTE?
AND WE CAN USE THOSE VOTES AS POWERFUL POLITICAL LEVERAGE, OR TO RIDE ON THE BULLET TRAIN FOR FREE OR WHATEVER, RIGHT?
Stop kidding around!
THERE'S NO WAY THAT'S THE ONLY THING YOU GET OUT OF THIS.
I MEAN, WE'RE THE PEAK OF THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY, AREN'T WE?
AND AT A SCHOOL FOR RICH GIRLS!
MATSURIKA-SAN?
HOWEVER, THERE ARE NUMEROUS SPECIAL PRIVILEGES THAT EXIST JUST FOR THE SHADOW STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.
THERE ARE NO POWERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU CAN'T BE...
BRING ON THE HONEY TRAPS!

EXERCISING AT 6 A.M. EVERY MORNING.
WHA?
I...
TOLD...
YOU!
WHAT ARE THEY? TELL ME, TELL ME!
HUFF
HUFF
WRITING A JOURNAL ON RAISING A MORNING GLORY FOR YOUR SCIENCE PROJECT.
FISHING AND CATCHING BUGS.
MATH DRILLS BEFORE BED.
A 32ND DAY IN AUGUST FOR AN UNENDING SUMMER...
THESE ARE ALL YOURS, KANAKO-SAMA.

I GIVE UP! I QUIT!
I QUIT BEING THE SHADOW PRESIDENT!
IT'S ANOTHER PEACEFUL DAY, DON'T YOU THINK, YONAKUNI-SAN?
HYAN!!

AND AUGUST 32ND IS THAT GAME BUG WHERE THE GAME TEXT GETS ALL GARBLED, ALL HUMANS IN THE WORLD DISAPPEAR, AND YOU'RE TRAPPED IN THE HOUSE FOREVER!
THOSE ARE ALL SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Hey, lackey, go get me a Shavaduvi Driver, got it?
That'll be great!
SO THIS IS NOTHING BUT A POWERLESS POSITION WITHOUT ANY REWARDS THAT TAKES CARE OF TRIVIAL STUFF!
I'M NOT A PRESIDENT, JUST A LACKEY!
YES. THAT'S CORRECT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "YES," AT LEAST DENY IT!

MARIA HOLIC

MARIA HOLIC²

WHAT IS...
...LOVE.....?

Prayer61
Kanako's Love♡
Clinic!

"KANAKO'S LOVE CLINIC."
IT'S CATCHY, ISN'T IT?

Wait wait wooait!
HEAR ME OUT! THIS IS ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL THAN MY USUAL NONSENSE!
CLICK
THIS IS ON THE SAME LEVEL AS THOSE IPS CELLS THAT ARE ALL THE TALK NOW.
I'M TELLING YOU, I'M IN LINE FOR THE NEXT NOBEL KANAKO PRIZE!

THE ONE WHO ALWAYS LISTENED TO THEIR PROBLEMS ...
THE ONE WHO ALWAYS GAVE THEM STRENGTH ...
WHO WIPED THEIR TEARS ...
BEFORE I KNEW IT, I HAD FALLEN IN LOVE WITH THE PERSON I WAS TALKING TO ABOUT MY LOVE PROBLEMS ...
THAT'S A PRETTY COMMON STORY, ISN'T IT?
IS IT?
IT IS!
SQUEAL!
キャー☆
THE ONE WHO WILL RING THEIR WEDDING BELLS...
IT WILL BE ME!!

BY COMPASSIONATELY LISTENING TO THEIR LOVE PROBLEMS, I WILL WIN THEIR TRUST, AND THEN, THEIR LOVE...
THIS IS MY VERY OWN BRAND OF "SPEED LEARNING: LOVE STYLE"!
YOU CAN IMPROVE...
...JUST BY LISTENING!
I MEAN, WOMEN ARE THE TYPE OF CREATURES WHO ARE HAPPY AS LONG AS YOU JUST LET THEM TALK AND NOD YOUR HEAD.
AND IF JUST BY DOING THAT YOU CAN REACH YOUR MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SINGLE-DAY GAIN IN AFFECTION, OF COURSE I'M GOING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT!
YOUR OPINION OF WOMEN IS PRETTY GROSS.

SLAM
SWING
OH GOSH, I WONDER IF I CAN REALLY HANDLE EVERYONE'S LOVE.
IN ORDER TO DO THIS, I NEED TO SPREAD THE WORD THAT I'M A MASTER-LISTENER.
BUT IF I BECOME TOO POPULAR AND ALL THE GIRLS RUSH AT ME, THAT'S NO GOOD EITHER.
I ONLY HAVE ONE BODY.

THIS IS THE REALLY IMPORTANT PART.
HM?
THAT'S ALL. DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON WHAT WE COVERED TODAY?
WHAT'S THIS?
牡牛座のアナタは
2年A組の
イニシャルがK・Mの人に
恋愛相談をすると吉☆
IF YOU'RE AN ARIES
YOU'LL HAVE GOOD LUCK CONFIDING
YOUR LOVE WORRIES TO SOMEONE
WHO HAS THE INITIALS "K.M." IN CLASS 2-A!
A LETTER? FROM WHO?

KANAKO-SAN...
IS THIS ANOTHER ONE OF HER CRAZY SCHEMES...?
GLANCE
GLANCE
IF YOU'RE AN ARIES YOU'LL HAVE GOOD
YOUR LOVE WORRIE
WHO HAS THE INITI
OH, A MESSAGE.
DEE LEE DOO LEE DEE
IT'S FROM AN ADDRESS I DON'T KNOW. WHO COULD IT BE?
IS IT SPAM...?
THE LOVE WIZARD
MOMOI SACHI
NO TITLE
I HEAR THAT MIYAMAE KANAKO IS REALLY GOOD AT COUNSELING PEOPLE ON LOVE PROBLEMS!!
?
???

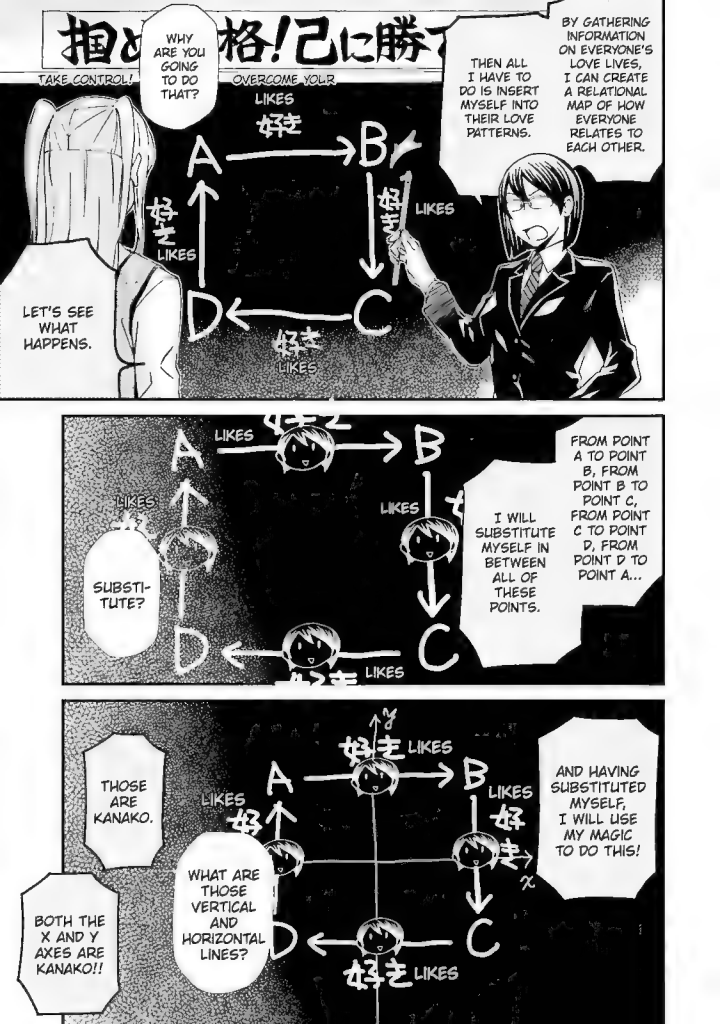
THE WORD ON THE STREET IS THAT MIYAMAE KANAKO IS GOOD AT COUNSELING PEOPLE ON LOVE PROBLEMS.
TRAINING HALL
?
MUST HAVE BEEN MY IMAGINA-TION...

MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
CONFIDE IN MIYAMAE KANAKO ABOUT LOVE?
恋の相談は宮前かなこに

WELCOME HOME!
KA CHAK
.....
Oh!
THESE ARE HAND-WRITTEN FLIERS.
MIYAMA WANDERING IN A LABYRINTH OF LOVE?
STEALTH MARKETING FLIERS.
KANAKO WILL BREAK YOU OUT OF LOVE PRISON
MIYAMAE
LOVE + WORRIES = KANA
MIYAMAE & KANAKO
THE BEST MEDICINE IS? KANAKO
YOU'RE IN LOVE, AREN'T YOU.....?
CONFIDE IN SOMEONE!
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THAT IT'S REASSURING OR WHAT, BUT THERE'S A DIFFERENT FEEL BETWEEN SOMETHING PRINTED AND SOMETHING HANDWRITTEN, YOU KNOW?
I AM DEFINITELY WINNING THE PULITZER PRIZE THIS YEAR...
SCRUNCH

ROLL
WHAT IS THIS?!
恋の相談は
かなに
CONFIDE IN MIYAMAE KANAKO ABOUT YOUR LOVE PROBLEMS
SMACK
OW!!

CONFIDE IN MIYAMAE KANAKO YOUR LOVE-PROB
恋の相談は
かな
THAT'S ONE OF THE STEALTH MARKETING PAPERS I PUT ON THE BULLETIN BOARD!!
WHO TOLD YOU THAT YOU COULD TAKE THAT DOWN?!
Aaack!! You're tearing it!!
RIIIIIIP
WHO TOLD YOU THAT YOU COULD PUT IT UP?
WHAT HAVE YOU STARTED THIS TIME?
PUSH
OH? ARE YOU CURIOUS TOO, MARIYA?

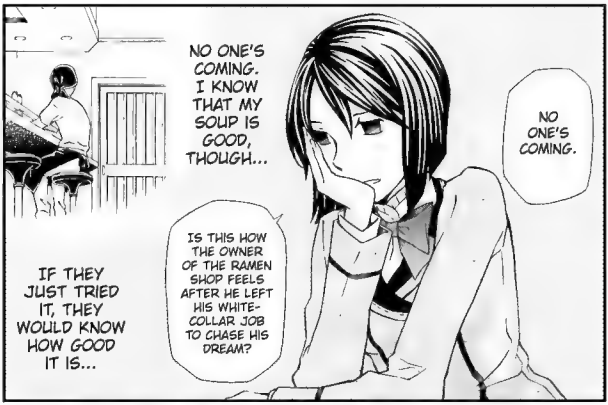

TAKE CONTROL!
OVERCOME YOUR
WHY ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT?
LIKES
好き
A
B
C
D
LIKES
LIKES
LIKES
LIKES
THEN ALL I HAVE TO DO IS INSERT MYSELF INTO THEIR LOVE PATTERNS.
BY GATHERING INFORMATION ON EVERYONE'S LOVE LIVES, I CAN CREATE A RELATIONAL MAP OF HOW EVERYONE RELATES TO EACH OTHER.
LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS.
LIKES
LIKES
LIKES
LIKES
SUBSTI-TUTE?
I WILL SUBSTITUTE MYSELF IN BETWEEN ALL OF THESE POINTS.
FROM POINT A TO POINT B, FROM POINT B TO POINT C, FROM POINT C TO POINT D, FROM POINT D TO POINT A...
y
x
LIKES
LIKES
LIKES
LIKES
THOSE ARE KANAKO.
WHAT ARE THOSE VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL LINES?
BOTH THE X AND Y AXES ARE KANAKO!!
AND HAVING SUBSTITUTED MYSELF, I WILL USE MY MAGIC TO DO THIS!

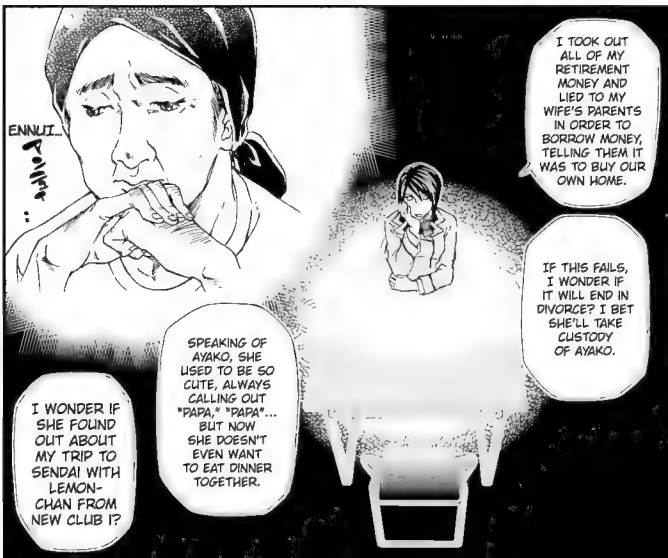
THAT IS KANAKO'S PATENTED "LOVE MATHEMATICS"!
A
B
C
LIKES
LIKES
LIKES
AND WITH THAT, ALL OF A, B, C AND D'S "LIKES" WILL END WITH ME...

A
B
C
LIKES
LET'S ADD A Z AXIS AND MAKE IT INTO A THREE-DIMENSIONAL MODEL.
WHEN IS THE TIME?
THE TIME IS NOW!
BY CHANGING THE POSITION OF KANAKO-SAMA ON THE X AND Y AXES I CAN REMOVE HER COMPLETELY FROM THEIR LIVES.
YOU'RE AMAZING, MATSURIKA. NOW I KNOW WHAT THE FIELDS KANAKO MEDAL IS ALL ABOUT.

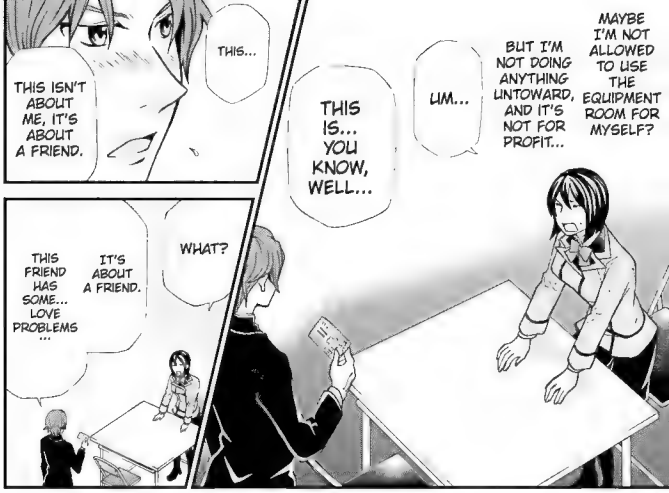
y
x
I THINK THAT I'M THE FIRST PERSON TO BRING QUADRATIC FUNCTIONS INTO HUMAN CORRELATION CHARTS.
I'M GOING TO BE THE WINNER OF THE NEXT FIELDS KANAKO MEDAL!
THAT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE QUADRATIC FUNCTIONS I KNOW...

I SPREAD AS MANY SEEDS AS I COULD TODAY.
NOW ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO WAIT FOR HARVEST SEASON.
TRAINING HALL
Don't Worry Be Happy!
MIYAMAE KANAKO
KANAKO IS YOUR STRONGEST ALLY!
I CAN'T HOLD IT ALL IN!!
.....
NO ONE'S COMING.
EQUIPMENT ROOM
KANAKO'S LOVE CLINIC


NO ONE'S COMING.
NO ONE'S COMING. I KNOW THAT MY SOUP IS GOOD, THOUGH...
IS THIS HOW THE OWNER OF THE RAMEN SHOP FEELS AFTER HE LEFT HIS WHITE-COLLAR JOB TO CHASE HIS DREAM?
IF THEY JUST TRIED IT, THEY WOULD KNOW HOW GOOD IT IS...


ENNUI...
I TOOK OUT ALL OF MY RETIREMENT MONEY AND LIED TO MY WIFE'S PARENTS IN ORDER TO BORROW MONEY, TELLING THEM IT WAS TO BUY OUR OWN HOME.
IF THIS FAILS, I WONDER IF IT WILL END IN DIVORCE? I BET SHE'LL TAKE CUSTODY OF AYAKO.
SPEAKING OF AYAKO, SHE USED TO BE SO CUTE, ALWAYS CALLING OUT "PAPA," "PAPA"... BUT NOW SHE DOESN'T EVEN WANT TO EAT DINNER TOGETHER.
I WONDER IF SHE FOUND OUT ABOUT MY TRIP TO SENDAI WITH LEMON-CHAN FROM NEW CLUB I?

CREAK
YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO OPEN UP A RAMEN RESTAURANT, YOU DEAD-BEAT DAD!!
RAMEN RESTAURANT ...?
FATHER KANAE?!
GASP
?!
IS HE HOLDING ONE OF MY STEALTH MARKETING FLYERS?


THIS...
THIS ISN'T ABOUT ME, IT'S ABOUT A FRIEND.
MAYBE I'M NOT ALLOWED TO USE THE EQUIPMENT ROOM FOR MYSELF?
BUT I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING UNTOWARD, AND IT'S NOT FOR PROFIT...
UM...
THIS IS... YOU KNOW, WELL...
WHAT?
IT'S ABOUT A FRIEND.
THIS FRIEND HAS SOME... LOVE PROBLEMS...

Sigh...
A TEACHER?
BLUSH
BLUSH
THIS... THIS FRIEND TEACHES CLASSICAL JAPANESE.
HE'S MY FIRST LOVE CLINIC CUSTOMER ?!
M-MY FRIEND...IS A TEACHER AT AN ALL-GIRLS' SCHOOL...
BLUSH
CLASSICAL JAPANESE... SO IS SHE PURE? OR MAYBE A CAREER WOMAN-TYPE?
DOESN'T MATTER. I LIKE BOTH TYPES.

NOT ME, BUT...
...THIS FRIEND... IS IN LOVE WITH A STUDENT...
SPLURT
A FEMALE TEACHER IS IN LOVE WITH A FEMALE STUDENT?!

NOT ONLY THAT BUT, NOT JUST ONE...ACTUALLY, THIS FRIEND IS IN LOVE WITH FOUR DIFFERENT STUDENTS.
FOUR?!
They...
THEY'RE ALL BEAUTIFUL AND CHARMING WOMEN IN THEIR OWN RIGHTS.

※ HHHR: A BEAUTY WITH NO FLAWS IN SIGHT. A WOMAN ANYONE COULD GET ALONG WITH SHOULD THEY GO OUT WITH HER.

IT'S SIMPLY A MIRACLE THAT SUCH A PERFECT WOMAN EXISTS IN THIS WORLD!

SHE IS THE LAST ANGEL TO EVER SET FOOT ON EARTH.

FILE 1

SHIDOU MARIYA-KUN

※ 1 HACHI MEN REI ROU (HMRR)

※ 2 HIN KOU HOU SEI (HKHS)

※ 2 HKHS: A PERSON WHO IS OF PURE THOUGHT AND ACTION

※ 1 ISSK: A WOMAN WHOSE SMILE IS PRICELESS, BECAUSE SHE IS SIMPLY "THAT BEAUTIFUL."

SHE IS SIMPLY A BEAUTIFUL FLOWER WAITING TO SHINE BEHIND SHIDOU-KUN.

SHE IS MY ARTEMIS.

FILE 2

SHINOUJI MATSURIKA-KUN

※ 1 I SHOU SEN KIN (ISSK)

※ 1 CHUU KOU JIN GI (CKJG)

※ 1 CKJG: A PERSON WHO BELIEVES IN LOYALTY, FILIAL PIETY, HUMANITY AND JUSTICE.

※ 1 MBKS: A WOMAN WITH BRIGHT EYES AND PEARL-WHITE TEETH. HER FACE IS ALSO PERFECTLY BALANCED.

SHE LIGHTS UP THE WHOLE WORLD WITH HER KIND HEART INDISCRIMINATELY.

SHE IS MY MUSE.

FILE 3

SHIKI AYARI-KUN

※ 5 MEI BOU KOU SHI (MBKS)

※ 6 JI SEN KYUU KOU (JSKK)

※ 6 JSKK: A WOMAN WHO ACTS ON HER OWN PRINCIPLES AND NEVER HESITATES

※ 7 KONH: A FLOWER THAT CAN SPEAK, AKA A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.

SHE IS A GIRL WHO IS NOT ONLY BEAUTIFUL BUT ALSO HAS BACKBONE.

SHE IS MY NIGHT-INGALE.

FILE 4

NATSURU MAKI-KUN

※ 3 KAI GO NO HANA (KGNH)

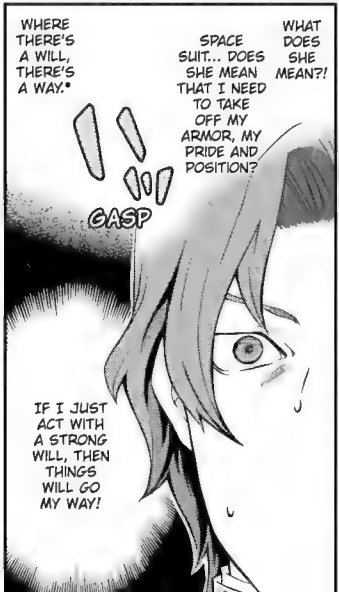
※ 4 SEI RENKA KIN (SRKK)

※ 4 SRKK: A PERSON OF PURE HEART WITH VERY FEW PERSONAL DESIRES. A PERSON WHO ALWAYS WORKS THEIR HARDEST.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO CHOOSE ONLY ONE!!
...FOR MY FRIEND, I MEAN.
UMMM...
WELL, A HAREM IS EVERY GIRL'S DREAM.

I ALSO COULDN'T CHOOSE BETWEEN YUZURU-SAN OR SACHI-SAN OR KIRI-SAN.
REALLY?!
IS THAT TRUE?!
OF COURSE, IT ISN'T ACCEPTED BY SOCIETY, BUT...
...NO ONE CAN STOP THEIR DESIRE TO FALL IN LOVE.
I SEE... SO THAT MEANS THAT HE DOESN'T NEED TO SEPARATE HIS LOVE, THAT HE CAN GO ON LOVING ALL FOUR OF THEM.
THAT MEANS HE DOESN'T HAVE TO GIVE UP HIS LOVE, RIGHT?!
HE?!

*"WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY" IF YOU HAVE THE WILL TO COMPLETE SOMETHING, YOU CAN OVERCOME ANY DIFFICULTIES.


WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY.*
SPACE SUIT... DOES SHE MEAN THAT I NEED TO TAKE OFF MY ARMOR, MY PRIDE AND POSITION?
WHAT DOES SHE MEAN?!
GASP
IF I JUST ACT WITH A STRONG WILL, THEN THINGS WILL GO MY WAY!

YOU KNOW HOW THERE WAS THAT GUY WHO WENT INTO THE STRATOSPHERE IN A HOT AIR BALLOON AND FREEFELL?
WHAT ?!
YOU SHOULD DO THAT, WITHOUT A SPACE SUIT.

SLAM
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADVICE!!
I MUST SHED ALL OF MY POSSESSIONS AND FALL TO THE EARTH... TO MY FOUR GODDESSES.
I MUST LET MYSELF FALL AND BE GUIDED BY THE GRAVITY OF LOVE!!

Well...
I'VE LEFT THE CLUB, BUT I STILL FIND MYSELF HEADING TOWARDS THE ARCHERY FIELD.
CHIFUMI.

ISHIMAAA!
ARE YOU HEADED HOME?

I GET THAT.
JUST YESTERDAY I FOUND MYSELF KNOCKING ON THE DRAMA CLUB DOOR. I TOLD THEM I JUST WANTED TO SEE WHAT THEY WERE UP TO, BUT...
DID THEY BELIEVE THAT?
NOPE, THEY DIDN'T.

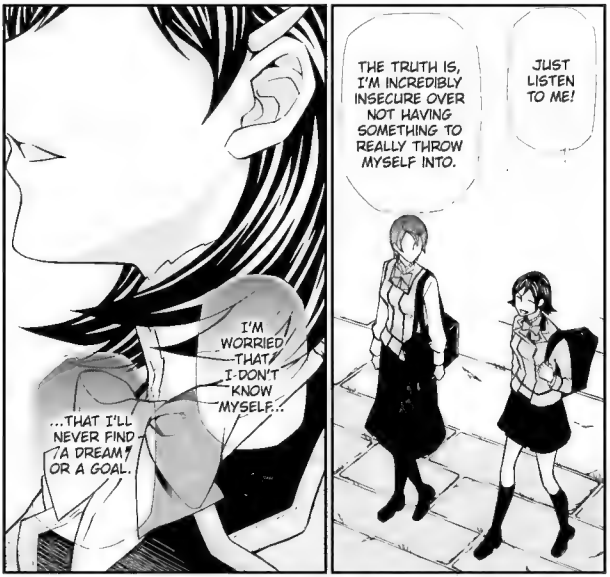
YOUR EXPERIENCE IN THE DRAMA CLUB ISN'T HELPING YOU IN THE REAL WORLD, HUH?
Ha ha ha...
THAT'S NOT NICE.
AND YOU CAN'T USE YOUR ARCHERY UNLESS YOU'RE WILLING TO GO BACK TO THE HEIAN OR WARRING STATES PERIOD.

HOW WAS YOUR PRACTICE TEST?
ARE YOU MAKING PROGRESS WITH YOUR COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM STUDIES?
I'M DOING ALL RIGHT.
I JUST HAVE TO DO THE BEST I CAN AND WAIT FOR MY DESTINY.
HOW ABOUT YOU?

HONESTLY, AT THIS RATE I MAY BE IN SOME TROUBLE.
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU WAITED UNTIL NOW TO RAISE THE RANK OF THE SCHOOLS YOU'RE APPLYING FOR! OF COURSE YOU'RE HAVING A HARD TIME.
Ha-ha

...AND AIM FOR THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF UNIVERSITY POSSIBLE FOR ME.
THAT WAY MY SCHOOL RECORD WON'T BE A WASTE...
...AND WHEN I FIND OUT WHAT I WANT TO DO, ALL OF THIS HARD WORK WILL ACTUALLY MEAN SOMETHING.

I WASN'T ABLE TO DECIDE ON A CLEAR DREAM FOR THE FUTURE LIKE YOU.
SO I'M JUST GOING TO DO THE BEST I CAN...


JUST LISTEN TO ME!
THE TRUTH IS, I'M INCREDIBLY INSECURE OVER NOT HAVING SOMETHING TO REALLY THROW MYSELF INTO.
I'M WORRIED THAT I DON'T KNOW MYSELF...
...THAT I'LL NEVER FIND A DREAM OR A GOAL.

...I SEE.

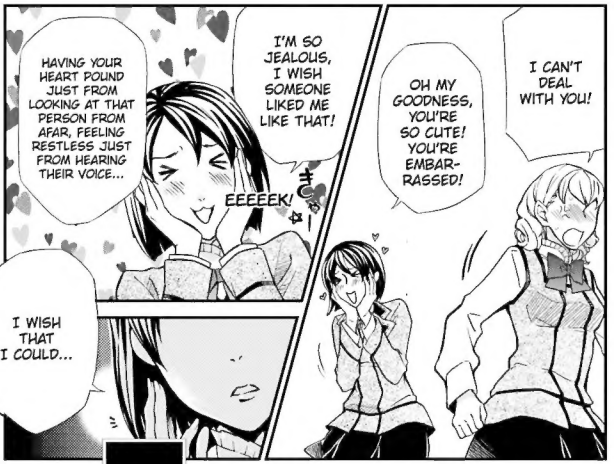
BY THE WAY, ISHIMA, HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING FOR THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL?
HMMM, I DON'T KNOW YET.
STOP

THAT'S THE FACE...
...OF SOME-ONE IN LOVE.

STOP IT!!
L-L-L-L-LOVE?! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
Ooo!!
Hoo
RYUKEN-SAMA AND HONOKA-SAN, SITTING IN A TREE☆
ARE YOU AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT?!

Dah!!
DON'T SNEAK UP ON ME LIKE THAT!!
HOW WONDER-FUL!
LOVE IS THE MAGIC THAT MAKES ALL WOMEN BEAUTIFUL!
Kyaaaaaah! ☆

BY THE WAY, HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?
THEY SAY THERE'S SOMEONE YOU SHOULD TELL ALL YOUR LOVE PROBLEMS TO.
I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHY, BUT THEY SAY SHE'S REALLY GOOD!
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT! NOW CUT IT OUT!


I CAN'T DEAL WITH YOU!
OH MY GOODNESS, YOU'RE SO CUTE! YOU'RE EMBAR-RASSED!
I'M SO JEALOUS, I WISH SOMEONE LIKED ME LIKE THAT!
HAVING YOUR HEART POUND JUST FROM LOOKING AT THAT PERSON FROM AFAR, FEELING RESTLESS JUST FROM HEARING THEIR VOICE...
EEEEEK!
I WISH THAT I COULD...

HUH?
I'VE NEVER FELT THAT WAY BEFORE.

WHAT DOES LOVE...
...ACTUALLY FEEL LIKE?

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